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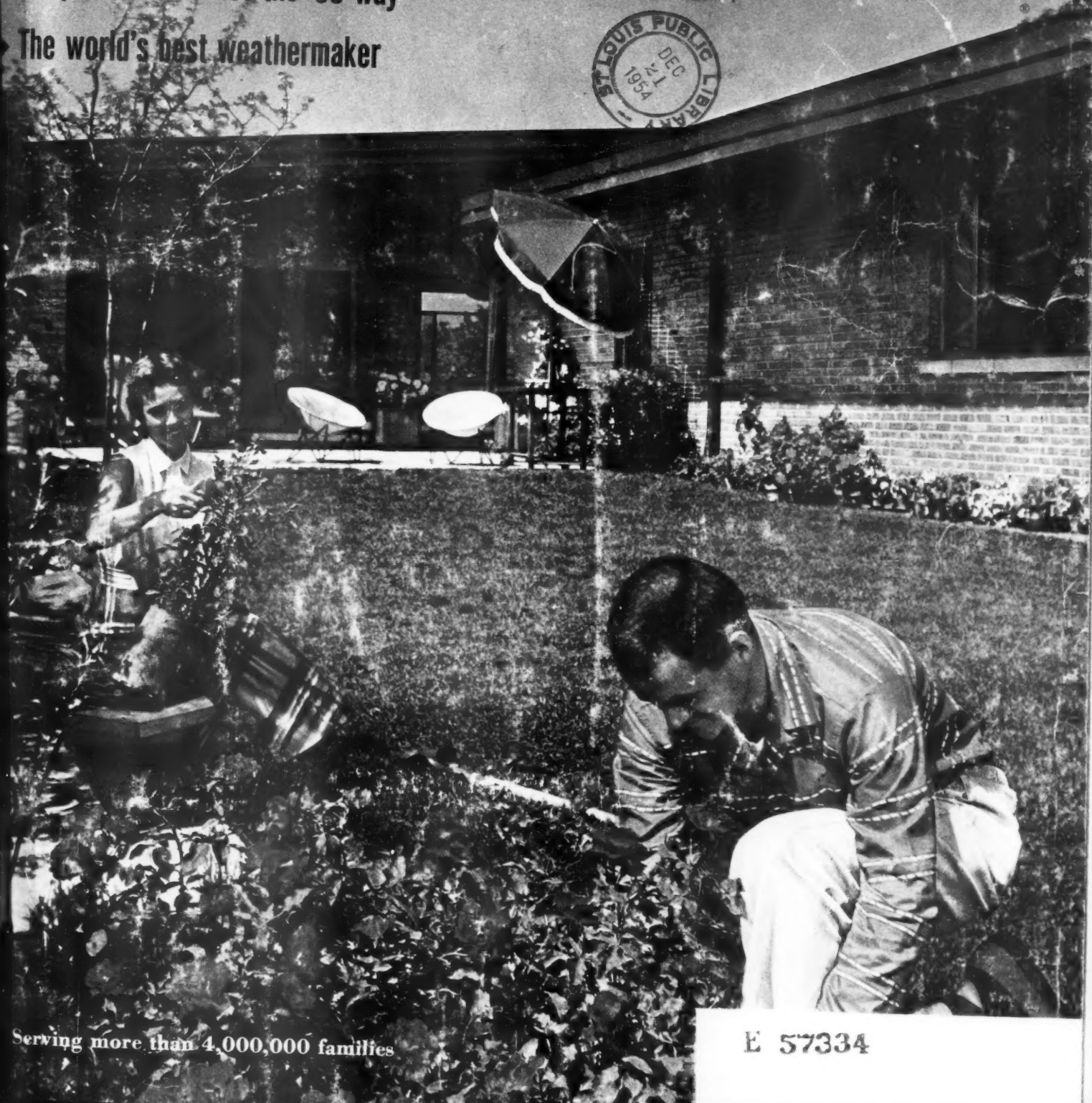

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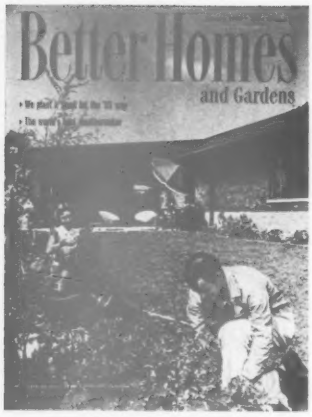

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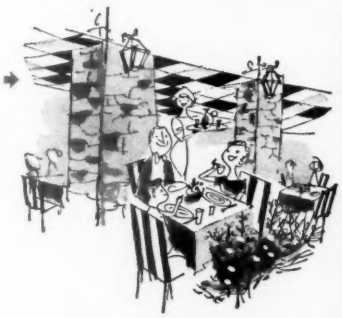

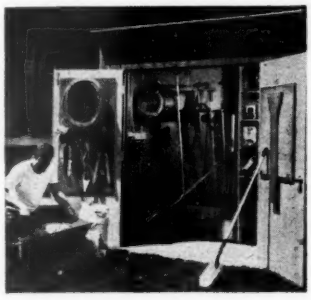

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Practical window decoration follows quaint style of room, provides complete privacy when shutters are closed.

Narrow bench adds a "furnished" look to passageway between back door and family room, without blocking path. Note convenient, ceiling-high storage cabinets just inside of the back door

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Collection of cowbells and oxen yoke decorate the fireplace. To carry out the rustic feeling, the objects are hung on the brick wall by wooden pegs. Raised hearth provides "perching" space for informal popcorn and hot-dog parties. Note the old lantern used as a ceiling lamp

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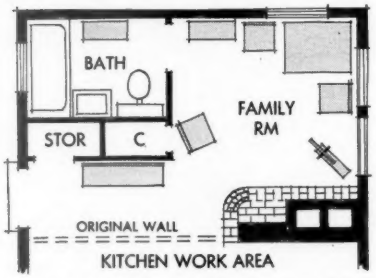

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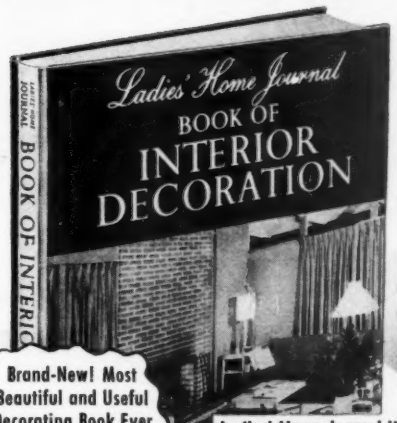

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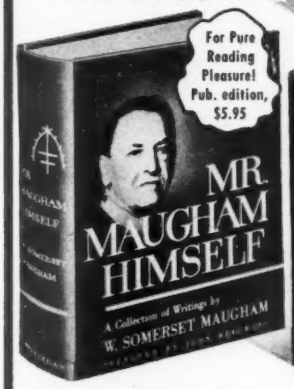

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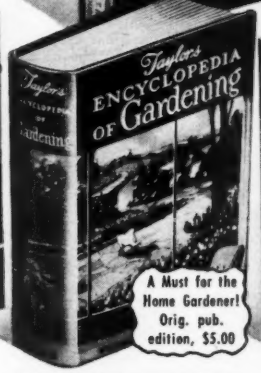

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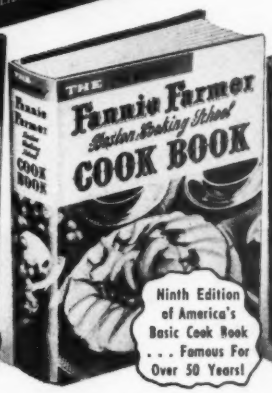

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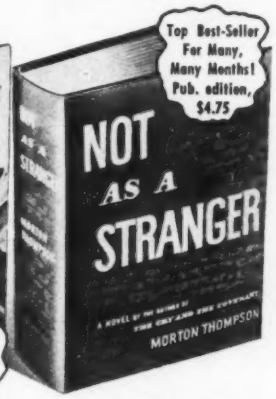

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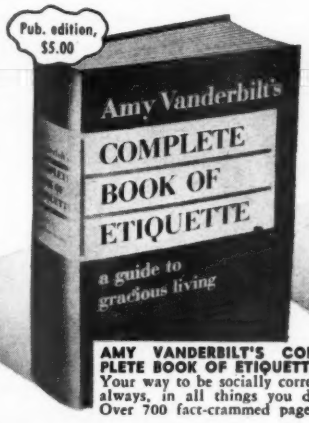

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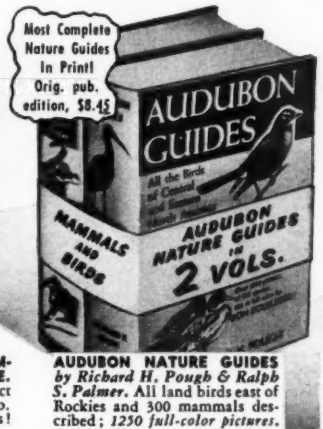

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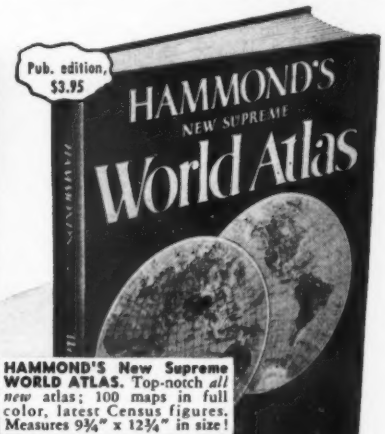

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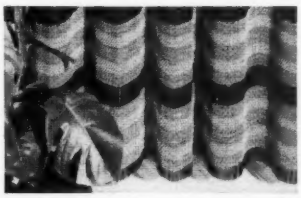

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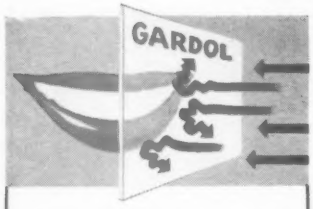

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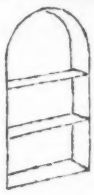

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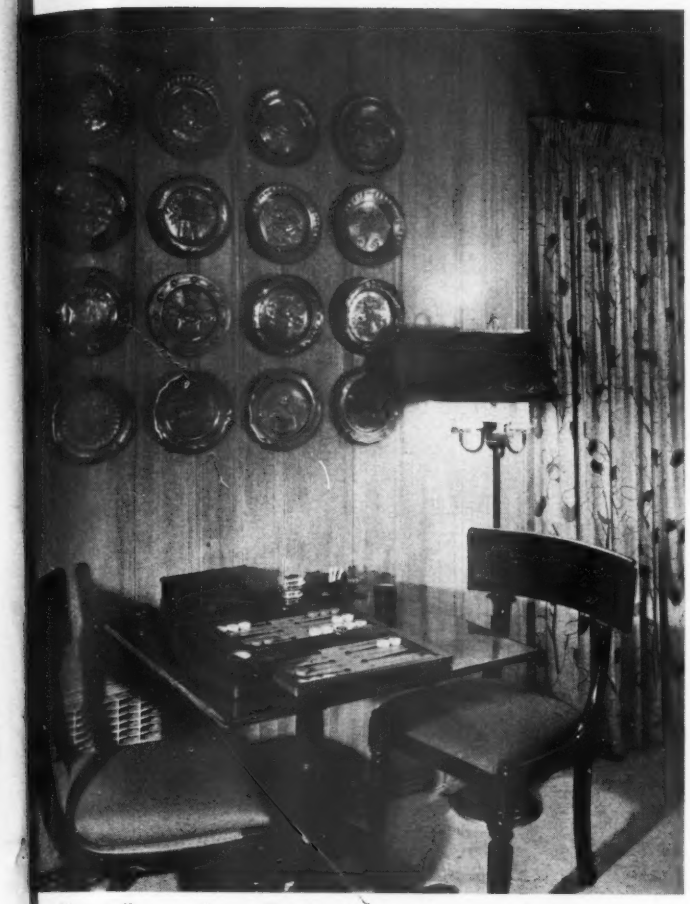

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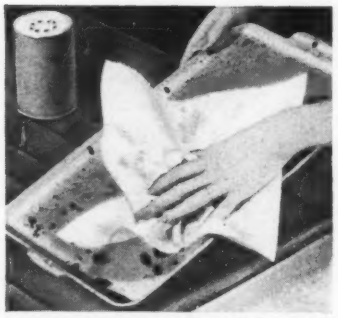

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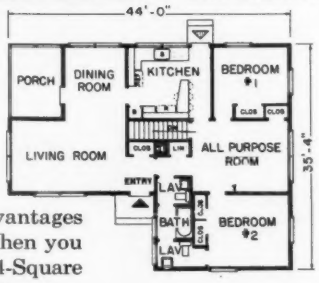

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For a novel touch, match your dressing-table top to your wall pattern. Here, the picture-pattern paper of the walls is repeated underneath the glass. For this treatment, pick a design small enough to fit table top. Home of Robert Heustis, Jr., Seattle

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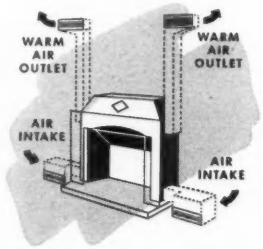

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1 Susana Guevara Mueller at the South Pasadena Art Center gives 7-year-old Jimmy Kerry and 11-year-old Alyson McKelvey a simple doodle on contrasting paper to start them painting. This is a good way to release a child's imagination at the beginning of the session

Your child's art should be seen

By Jean Burden

That children of all ages secretly long for greater integration into family life is something psychologists have known for a long time. One way in which a child can be made to feel a real part of the home, and at the same time be allowed to meet the adult world on his own terms, is an interest in his art.

All children love to paint. It has nothing to do with "talent." They live in a colorful world of their own, and if given the opportunity will express, with delightful freedom and absolute sincerity, the pictures that make up their own imaginative lives.

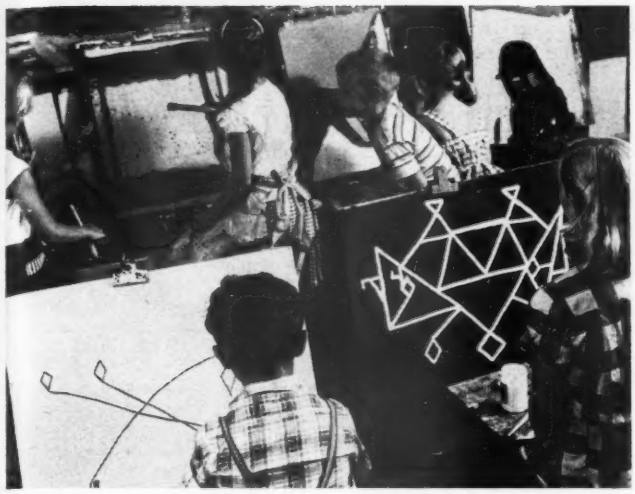
Show off their masterpieces

Did you ever realize that your child's picture can be hung, suitably framed, not in an unused back hall out of sight, but in any room of the house? Try it sometime, and see what happens. Its uninhibited color and free-flowing design will give unusual sparkle and interest to a room, no matter what its function. It is likely, in fact, to become a conversation piece.

If you realize that in encouraging your child to create, you are helping him to a fuller life, you won't throw away his paintings or bury them in a closet. You will understand that today the old adage has new meaning: Children—and their products of creativity—should be seen.

Noted art teacher's methods

In Pasadena, California, Susana Guevara Mueller has been proving this point for the last 11 years, to the delight of thousands of children and the amazement and edification of their families. All year long, she teaches the magic art of painting to children [*Turn to page 16*



2 At halfway stage, Jimmy is painting kites, which he is fond of flying. He uses India ink and a pen for part of it; red and yellow paint for the kites. On the other hand, Alyson likes abstractions, and she has repeated the diamond pattern in the stark-white design

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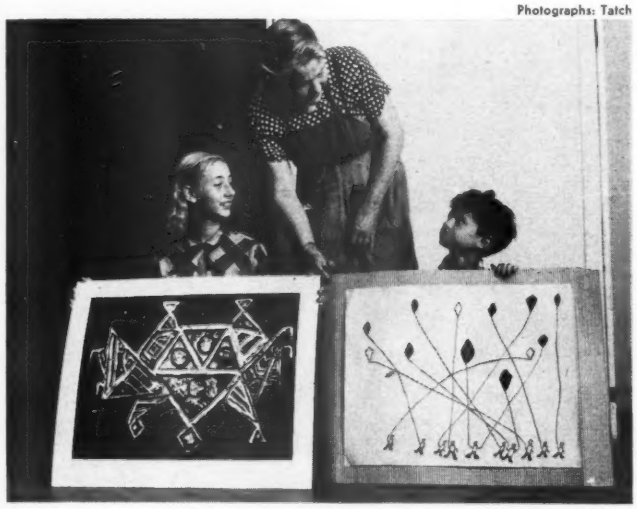

3 Alyson and Jimmy proudly show off their finished paintings, hers matted on plain white mat board, his on brown corrugated cardboard. Both are excellent examples of free expression, rhythm, and balance. At no time did Mrs. Mueller tell them what to do

4 Jimmy takes his painting home to thumbtack to a special board in his room designed for this express purpose. He changes pictures as he wishes, but his art always serves to decorate and highlight his room

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of public schools and private, in art centers and settlement houses.

Born in Chili and herself a well-known artist, Mrs. Mueller remembers the freedom of the Chilean peasants, and in her own painting has re-created it. In her work with children, she tries to evoke it.

Jerry, a newcomer aged 5, has just taken a man-size swing at the paper with his brush, and spilled a large blob of paint. He lets out a howl of embarrassed anguish.

Mrs. Mueller inspects the blob with interest, turns the paper on end and lets the paint run down. "Look, Jerry, you have a design already. Let's see what you can do with it," she tells him.

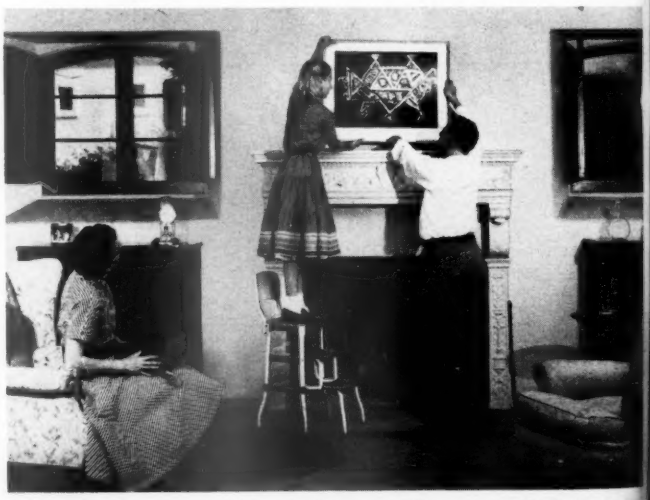
In a few minutes, Jerry has experimented with his drips, daubed on more colors, and under Mrs. Mueller's encouragement proudly come up with his first picture. *At no time did she tell him what to paint.*

Realism isn't necessary

A few easels away, Susan Ann, aged 11, is busily working on an abstraction in grays and yellows. Her mother has dropped in to measure progress.

She looks over Susan's shoulder. "What is it, dear?" Susan doesn't look up. "You're not supposed to ask that, Mother." "But it must be of *something*, mustn't it?" "No, Mother," replies Susan wearily and a bit stubbornly. "It's just a design."

5 Alyson has been provided a special frame for her paintings, and she can alternate them as she and the family choose. Here, with her mother, she inserts the finished painting into the glassed frame. Hardboard is clamped in back of picture to fasten the painting into place



6 Framed, it now can hang in the place of honor over the living-room fireplace. Father helps in this last operation, while Mother and the pets look on. Try matting and framing your youngster's art. It will prove attractive enough to display in the best room of your home

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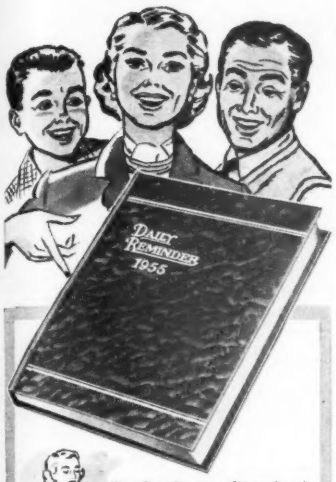

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Mrs. Mueller puts it this way: "The first and most important step in teaching any art is to take away the child's fear. After that, his imagination will be released."

The main objective of teaching a child to paint is not to make an artist out of him. It is rather to give him a means of expressing himself and to provide tangible evidence of his creativity.

Although some children naturally choose definite subjects, most of them love nonobjective art even more, and are capable of creating abstractions of a quality experienced adult painters can hardly equal. As we all know from other activities, a child instinctively eliminates details and stresses essentials. So also in his art.

Defining modern art

Mrs. Mueller says she often hears, "Daddy, Mother, and my teacher at school *hate* 'modern art'." Then she asks the child, "What is 'modern art'?" The child will invariably point to a doodle or design.

She asks him, "Why do you like a sunset? Is it because of the beauty of color and design made by the clouds, or is it just because the sun is setting?"

As a matter of fact, of course, nonobjective art has existed for centuries. Compare an ancient Chinese fret with a Twentieth Century child's painting. The similarities are amazing.

You cannot expect your child to paint like an old master when at home his kitchen is modern art, out on the highways the cars are modern art, and overhead in the sky the airplanes are also modern art. *Art is always timely.*

Art isn't a camera

In Mrs. Muller's classes, nonobjective art is encouraged. Never does she arrange a flowerpot and a bunch of grapes for the class to copy. If they want to paint flowerpots, they must do so out of their heads.

"Art is not merely a good reproduction of an object," she explains. "We must not put skill before expression. Anyone can learn to draw as he has learned to write script. It is a mechanical thing, and it takes practice. Art is not drawing perfectly any more than perfect grammar and syntax are literature," Mrs. Mueller continued.

Avoid set standards

There are two villains in this story. One is the drawing books and the coloring sheets wherein all opportunity for original creativity is carefully eliminated. Remember, it does not matter *what* the child paints, nor how *accurately*. That comes later. It is rhythm and balance we are after.

The second is you, the parent. Unfortunately, a child paints to please you. At least, he does so at first. If you express dismay or bewilderment at the child's work, his *total* creativity is diminished—not just in painting, but in all endeavors. You should treat the child as an individual and an adult. Praise the paintings that he does, even if you don't understand their meaning for him.

Better than words

The main instrument of praise is to permit the paintings to be hung in the home. Once when Mrs. Mueller worked in the slums, a man bought 30 of the children's paintings. He had them expensively matted and framed, and then invited the pupils to his home to see them. They went in a large truck. The children wept with delight when they saw their paintings so beautifully displayed.

No chance for lessons?

If a child cannot attend a class, he can paint at home. All you need do is provide 18"x24" sheets of construction paper in assorted colors, a set of poster paints (start with primary colors and black and white, adding others as the child grows), bristle brushes in 1", ½", and ¼" sizes, a cup of water for rinsing brushes, and your uncritical encouragement.

To vary the project, substitute pieces of newspaper for paper, or get a book of wallpaper samples and use the blank back of the paper for his paintings.

Ink may sometimes be used in conjunction with paint, and a spoon instead of a brush.

The only guidance ever necessary is occasionally a word or two to promote better composition and balance. For instance, if a child has used a lot of yellow in the upper left, it may be pointed out that some of the same color could be used to advantage in the lower right.

But, if he wants to paint a tree with purple leaves, don't tell him that all leaves are green. His, obviously, aren't.

Give it place of honor

When the painting is finished to the child's satisfaction, receive it with ceremony, and help him hang it somewhere in the house. Don't limit this to his own room, although a board on one of his walls may be a good place to thumbtack current pictures that are not to be formally framed.

One family in Pasadena asked their young daughter to do a mural for their den. Another family is proud of a large painting of abstract horses done by their 11-year-old; it hangs over the fireplace. In any home, there is at least one wall that can be used for the display of a child's latest artistic endeavor.

Seeing with imagination

More important than helping in the decoration of his home, however, is the release of the child's imagination. It cannot be overemphasized. And painting trains him to see rather than merely to look. He learns to see beauty in a drop of paint in a jar of water, gasoline in a puddle, design in cracks of concrete, in peeling paint, in rocks and tree trunks.

A 5-year-old who had been painting with Mrs. Mueller for several months walked into the kitchen while her mother was scraping the crumbs out of a cake pan. "Stop, Mother," she exclaimed excitedly, "look at the beautiful design you are making!"

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Maggie and I slushed out in snow to see how our shrubs are taking winter. They're O.K. Roses are killed back considerably, but still alive at soil

Jan. 1 I was going to begin the new year by fixing the family's breakfast.

Maggie was afraid I would do something like that. (She doesn't like my private-mix corn cakes.) So, she bustled to the kitchen and was going good before I got there.

One reason she got to the kitchen ahead of me is that I ran down to the basement to contemplate our amaryllis bulbs. Yesterday, I had potted the three we now own. I watered sparingly, for too much water at beginning isn't good.

Jan. 2 It looks as though both of Maggie's African-violets have stopped blooming—just as they always do about this time of year.

I took one plant to the basement. Out to the toolshed to get a larger pot. Then I knocked this violet out of its pot, gentlelike, by tapping it upside down on the edge of my workbench, while I held the plant between my fingers.

With some of the potting soil I had already mixed up, I replanted in the larger pot.

Jan. 3 David finally found our little pussy-kitten. We heard it meowing last night but couldn't find it. After dark tonight, David thought it sounded up in the air. He brought out the lantern flashlight and flashed it up. There was kitty on the roof, peering down.

David and I got out our extension ladder. Put it against the house. David climbed up while I braced the foot. He called "kitty, kitty," and in a minute he had it.

Jan. 4 Gloxinias have been on my mind. These gorgeous flowers bloom in summer, but the dormant tubers can be planted indoors now in pots or flats. After frost time, they are taken outdoors.

Jan. 6 Stayed downtown and to the monthly dinner meeting of our men's rose club tonight. The speaker had been detained and didn't arrive. It was a good thing, because we spent most of the evening arguing over ways and means of getting backsliding members to attend more meetings.

Jan. 7 For a week, Scratch, the family bowwow, has been gone. This afternoon, he came back home. The hair was worn nearly off around his neck. He has been tied up somewhere, apparently. Something is wrong with his right eye. When David came home, he took one look at it, loaded Scratch in MY car—not his own—and took him to a veterinary hospital.

Jan. 8 My first annual seeds of the year came in the mail today. There are some of those new petunia seeds—the F-1 hybrids. I saw them in a trial garden last summer. They produce a neat and uniform plant, have bloom all summer long and unusually uniform colors. They all have Indian names—Comanche (1953 All-America petunia), Apache, Mohawk, Sioux, Redskin, and Paleface.

Jan. 9 This afternoon, Maggie and I shivered out to look at things. Most rosebushes are killed back considerably but still alive toward the soil. I was going to prune back sharply anyhow.

Jan. 10 Maggie and I went calling. First, we stopped to visit Donald and Janet to see how our two grandchildren are coming. These are little Gary, who is old enough to begin saying words, and Daniel, just 23 days old. Both doing well.

Jan. 12 Tonight, I was a guest at a meeting of our local association of nurserymen and landscape men. One of them took me home. On the way, he orated as follows:

"Right now is the best time for homeowners to have their trees and shrubs pruned and trimmed. Ground's frozen up, our men can't do much outdoors, but we could do all kinds of pruning.

"But what does Mrs. Homeowner do? She forgets all about pruning. Then on a warm day in spring—right when our men are busy planting—she calls up and wants us to come at once. When we tell her it may be weeks, she gets downright angry with us."

Jan. 13 Late getting home tonight because I stopped at a store and saw a miracle. Some gardeners have brought in power mowers and garden tractors to have them serviced now—instead of waiting until spring.

Jan. 16 Went to look at our potted plants in the basement, one with amaryllis in it was gone. Maggie has it upstairs.

Jan. 20 When I came home from earning the family beans and bacon, Maggie called out, "Just come here and see what we have!"

There sat Maggie in the living room, looking at something in a big basket. I guess she had been sitting there, looking, all afternoon. It was Master Daniel, aged 33 days. Janet had left him while she took Gary to buy new shoes.

Jan. 21 At breakfast, Maggie asked me again how much water to give amaryllis. I'm no authority, but I said to give them enough so the soil in the pots doesn't dry out.

Jan. 23 About this time of year, folks keep asking me where various new kinds of flower seeds, roses, and such can be bought. They read of them in the garden magazines. They want to buy some. They think that every seed store, every local nursery, every catalog should have every kind of new item.

I tell 'em that if any one firm tried to carry all the new items, it would go broke.

Jan. 26 Maggie keeps mentioning most every day that the trash on the lawn ought to be cleaned up. Tonight, there were six cardinals sitting up in our Baldwin apple tree, waiting for supper. So I fed them instead of picking up trash.

Jan. 31 A pile of seed and nursery catalogs came today. I'm looking them over. In case you see the nurseryman, the seedsman, and the rose growers, just give them the glad news. My orders will be along as usual.

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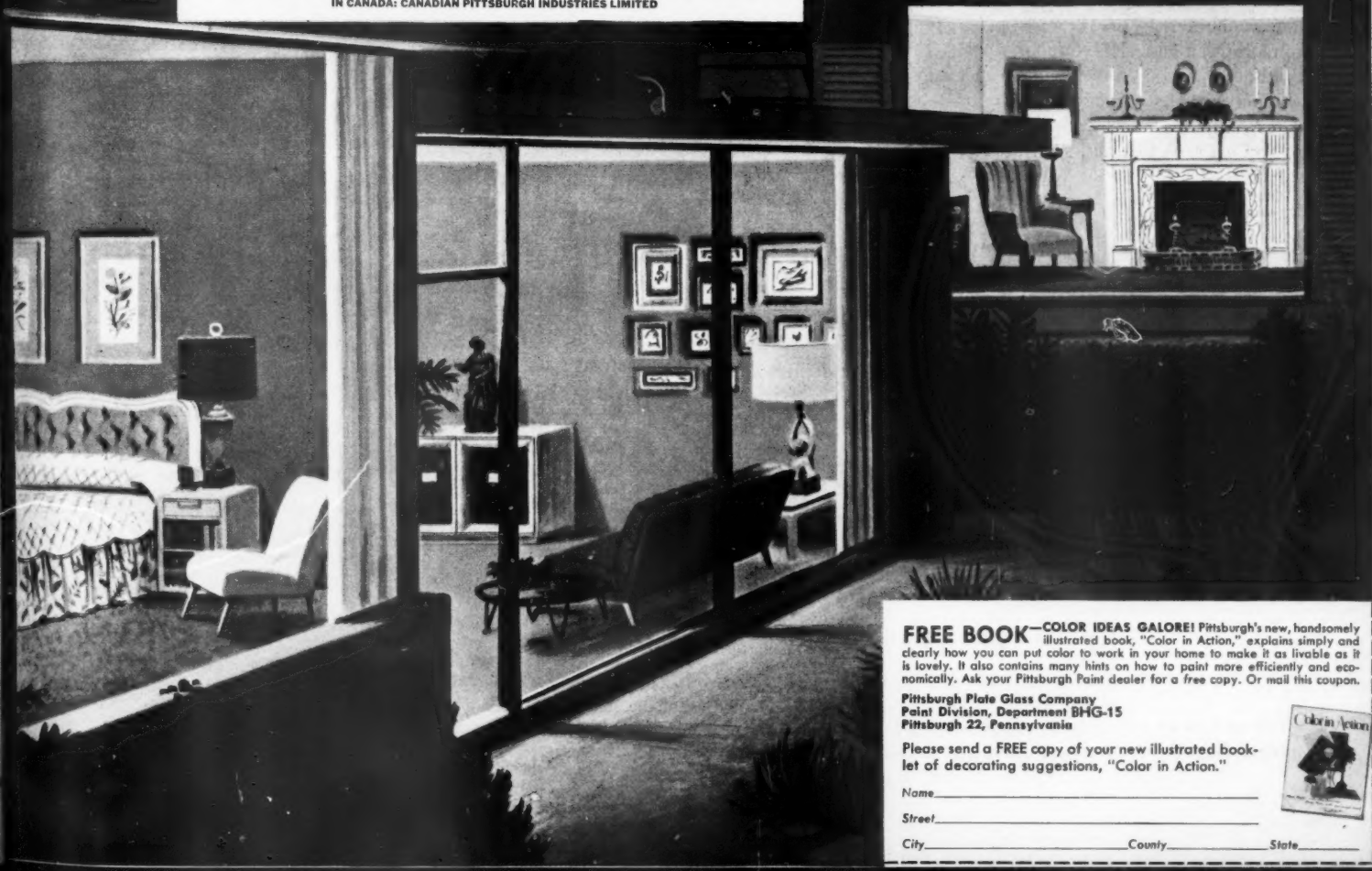

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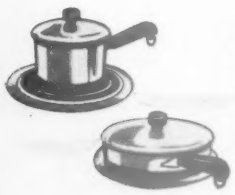

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Try these with wallpaper

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For special interest, dress your sofa and sofa wall alike with a scenic wallpaper-and-fabric ensemble. This is a good treatment for a room that has plenty of solid tones elsewhere for contrast. Fabric is centered on the sofa back to correspond with the design of the wallpaper. The Guy Anthony home in Oklahoma City

Builder: Greta Lederer

Let pattern do a camouflage job. Here, the same colorful pattern on the walls is used on cabinets and hamper to minimize these features in the small bathroom. One color from the wallpaper was repeated in the tile, woodwork, and towels.

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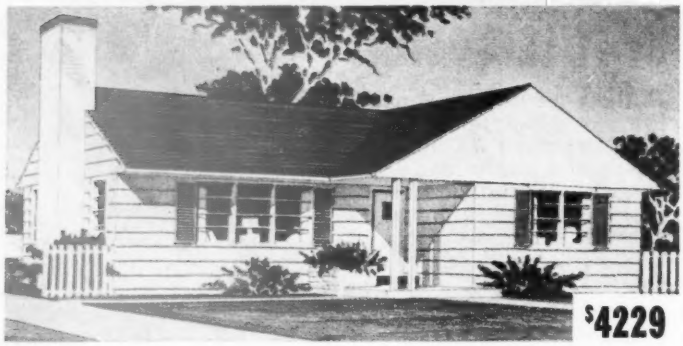

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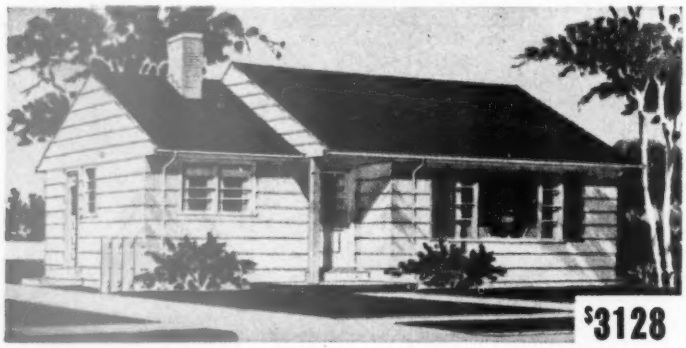

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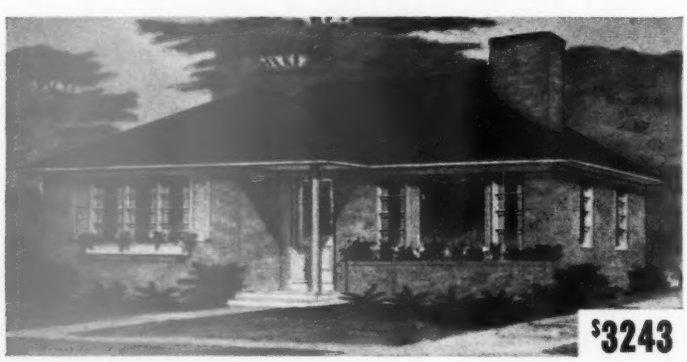

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Have you heard?

Latest Garden News

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

All-season plant food here

The long-awaited one-shot lawn fertilizer becomes a fact this year. Now gardeners can give their grass a spring feeding that will last all season.

This "super" plant food releases nitrogen at the rate grass needs it for growth. Yet, it dissolves so slowly that it cannot burn lawns.

In extensive tests made during 1954, single applications of 3 pounds to 100 square feet gave enough plant food to produce thick, vigorous, dark-green turf.

Tests were run on Kentucky and Merion bluegrasses, bents, fescue, St. Augustine, and Bermuda. Results were also good on Dichondra, a groundcover used in California and other parts of the South.

This new food will be available nationally in time for early application to old and new lawns.

Fluoridation safe for plants

City water with fluorides added to protect our teeth won't affect our plants, say researchers at the University of Illinois.

Not more than 5 parts of fluorides to 1 million parts of water are added to domestic water supplies. Plants grow normally at concentrations as high as 50 parts per million, and show only slight injury at rates as high as 100 parts per million.

Johnson-grass control found

Johnson grass, one of the South's worst pests, can be controlled with cleaner's naphtha, according to tests at Texas A & M College.

For best results, the naphtha should be sprayed liberally on the grass, so that some of it soaks into the soil. Three such sprays will clean it out. When the naphtha evaporates, the soil can be replanted.

Another material, called HCA for short, also looks like a good Johnson-grass control. Two or three applications have killed it in field crops.

Naphtha and HCA injure other plants as well as Johnson grass, so should be used for spot treatment, or on soils that can be taken out of use temporarily.

Fungicide stops smog damage

Here's good news for smog areas. Research workers at Riverside, California, have found a simple way to reduce smog damage to plants.

They recommend protecting plants with a spray of ferbam, a common garden fungicide. Ferbam is available under a variety of names at garden-supply centers.

In the Los Angeles area alone, smog damage to plants costs over $1,000,000 a year. Unfortunately, healthy, vigorous plants seem to be injured most.

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How-to for the handyman

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Removing hard putty is an easy job for punch-type can opener. Sharp point digs its way through tough surface as tapered edges cut it down to the wood and glass.

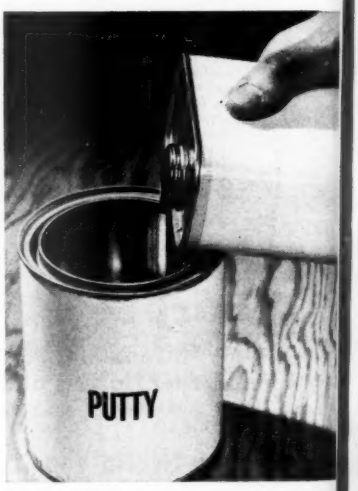
Use it also for removing old calking and glazier's compound around metal sash, and for cleaning out tiny cracks in plaster walls and ceilings before patching them.

Harry Price
Cedarhurst, Long Island

Glue spreaders made from a discarded scrub brush are handy to have in your workshop for small glue jobs. Cut into cross sections first. Then saw out individual brushes.

Hacksaw chews through wood and tiny wires that hold the bristles in place. It's best to throw the spreader away after each project and use a new one the next time.

Robert Marse
Miami, Florida



Keep putty soft and pliable by pouring small amount of linseed oil into container before you tap lid on and store it away in a cool place.

When you use putty again, remove all excess oil you can, and knead the rest in.

This helps soften it to a working consistency. Thin film of oil keeps air from drying the putty out.

Aldo de Tomasi
Tiburon, California

Driving or drawing screw eyes—generally cumbersome with pliers—is easy to do with hand brace or drill.

Position screw eye between jaws of drill chuck, as picture shows, and tighten.

Metal won't damage jaws if you force screw eye into the wood slowly. For hard-to-drive or draw screw eyes, set ratchet on hand brace.

Ed Flaherty
Casper, Wyoming

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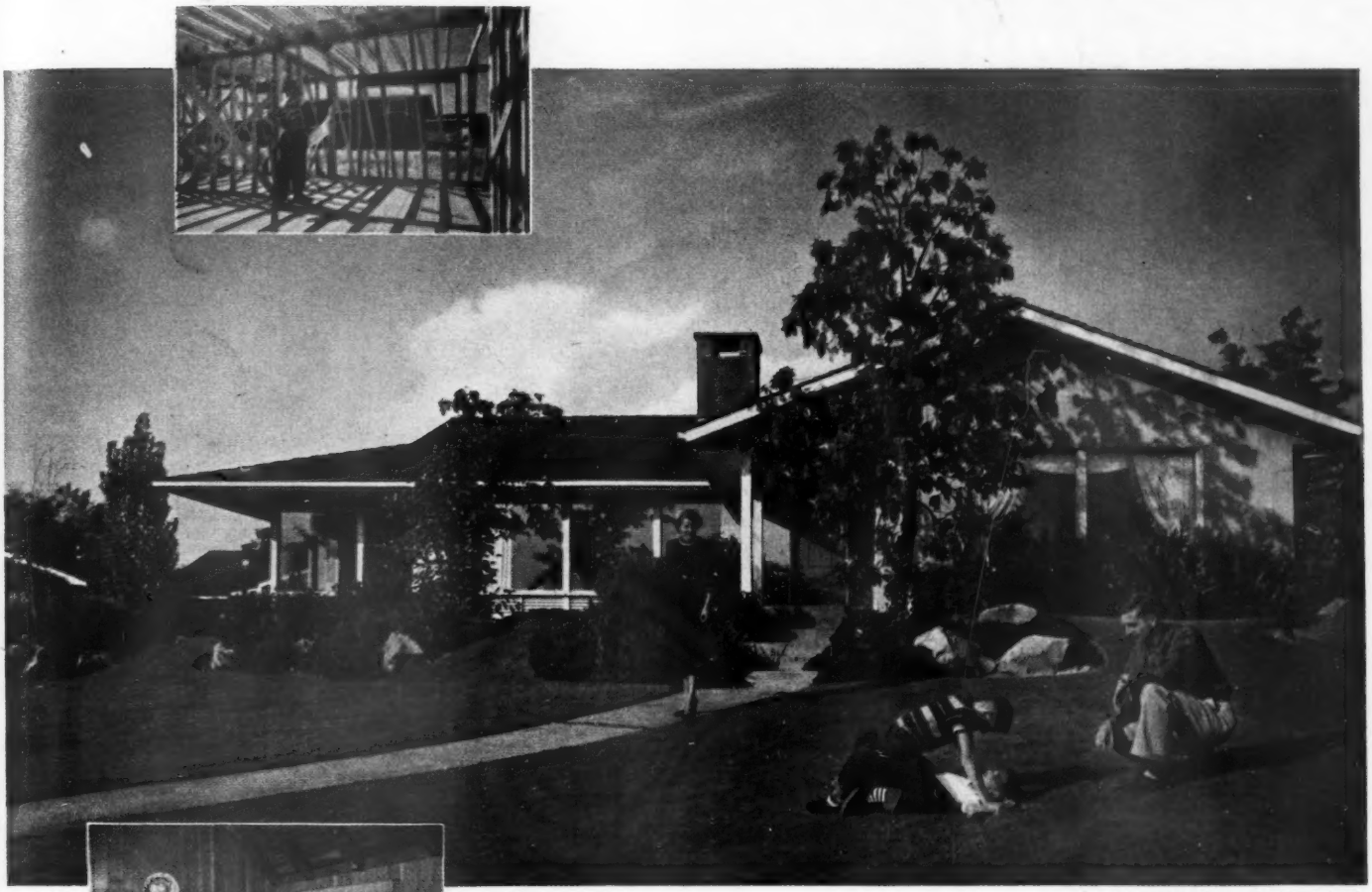

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Repeat the process several times if metal surfaces are especially worn and faded.

E. V. Stack
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Screw holder for a regular screwdriver is quickly improvised with two paper clips and a strong rubber band.

Position the clips so ends project slightly over end of blade, and wind rubber band tightly around them.

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G. F. Stillwell
Manhattan Beach, California

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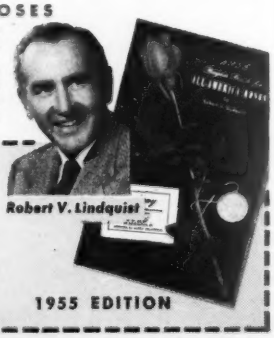

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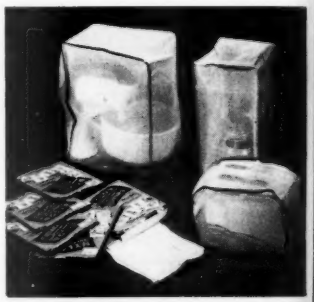

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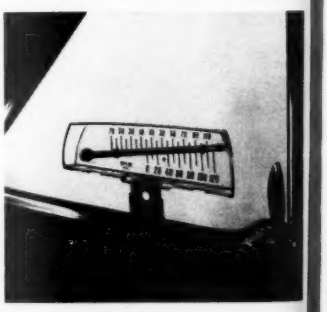

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Taylor Auto-Window Thermometer, $1.19, in stores. Taylor Instrument Co., Rochester 1, N.Y.

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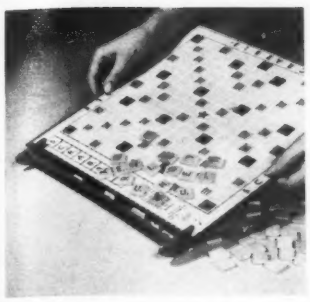

Next time you entertain the scrabble set, surprise and delight them with this tricky, new gadget. Slip plastic device over the end of the board, tilt the board, and presto!—each letter tile is on the table face down, ready for drawing. Eliminates turning tiles over by hand.

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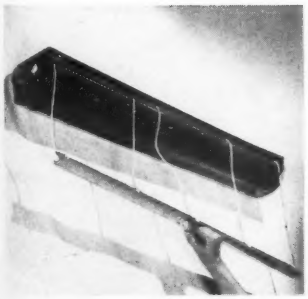

Now you see it: now you don't! Compact, disappearing clothes dryer bolts securely to the side of the house. When it's drying time, handle pulls out four 30-foot plastic-coated wire lines. Slip the handle into mounting bracket, lock, and the lines are stretched and taut. Dryer is portable, can be used inside in bad weather.

Ekco Disappearing Clothes Dryer, $24.95, in stores. Ekco Products Co., 1949 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Ill.

If you aspire to be a whiz at bridge, these new cards will make the process easier. Based on the point-count system, they speed up bidding and assure an accurate count of the strength of your hand. Cards give the player visual aid, as point count is printed on the faces of the high cards—4, 3, 2, and 1 respectively on each Ace, King, Queen, and Jack.

Bridgepoint Playing Cards, $1.95, in stores. Bridgepoint Playing Card Co., Philadelphia 10, Pa.

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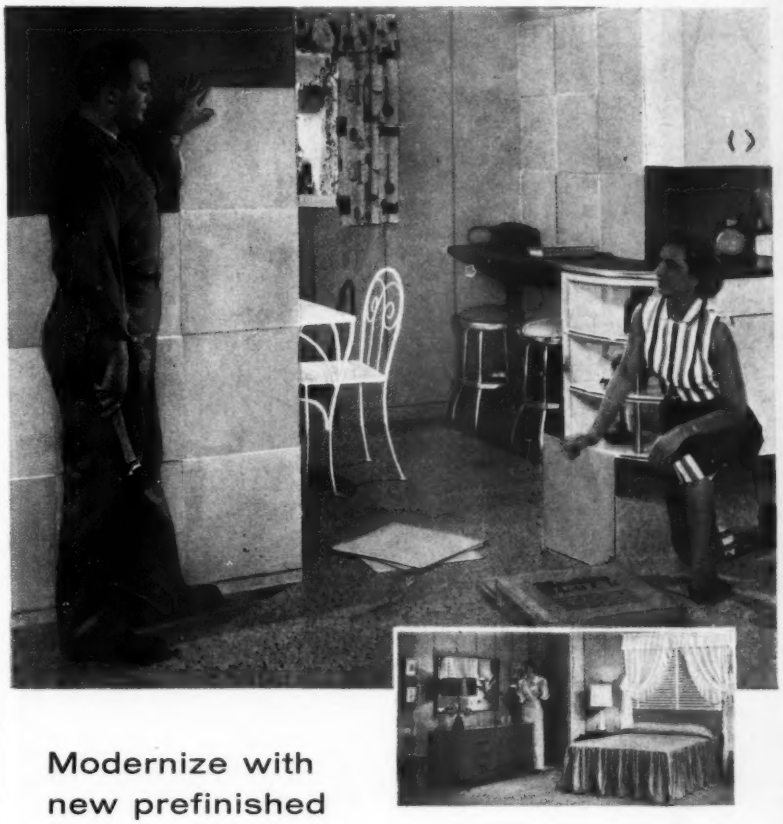

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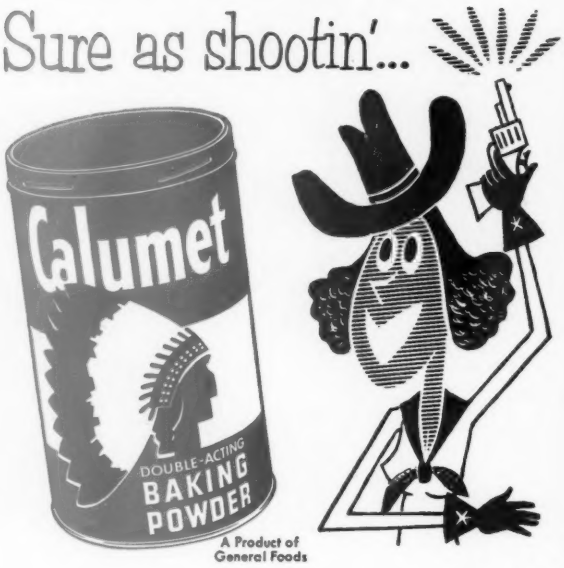

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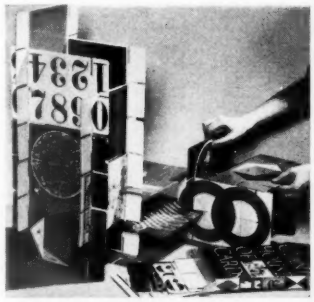

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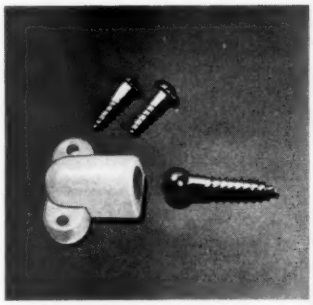

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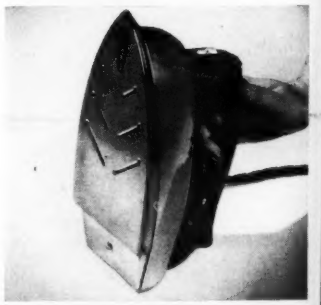

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well groomed

By Dr. Wayne H. Riser

A little daily care pays off

Daily combing will bring out the luster of the guard hairs and remove the undercoat as it is shed. This, plus supplementing the regular diet with one or two tablespoons of animal fat in the form of melted butter, bacon drippings, lamb or beef trimmings, will add to the gloss of the coat and health of the skin

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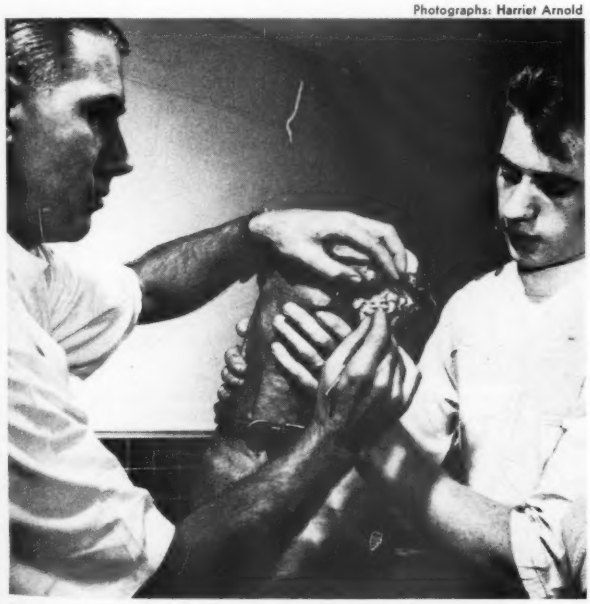

Take care of your dog's teeth

Many older dogs have offensive breath, directly attributed to unclean teeth. Ears and anal glands may also be a source of foul odor. Have your veterinarian periodically check the teeth, ears, and anal glands. Have the toenails trimmed to save another trip. Blame the anal glands, not worms, if he "scoots"

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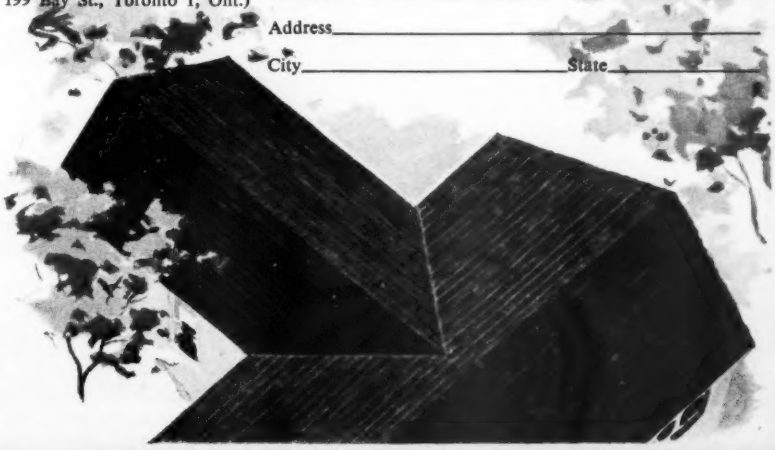

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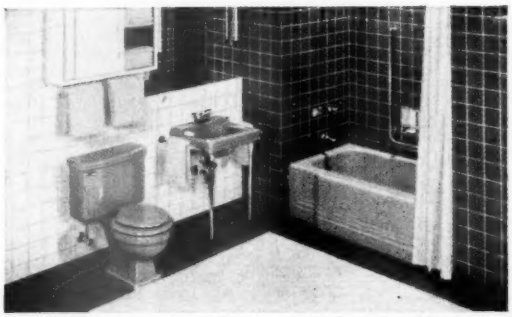

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Better Homes & Gardens editors answer your problems in planting a new place. We listed them: no lawn—no shade—no privacy—no storage—wide overhangs—yawning window wells—possibly a north front—how to arrive at the best lot layout—and how to be sure you'll have flowers all season without a lot of work. We took a new house, as you see at left, and a bare lot 52 feet wide.

In the 11 pages of this story, we give you what we did and what you can do.

You can live big on a small lot

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

To get the most comfortable living for your family on the land you own can become a real triumph if you keep first things first.

You will be coming and going by foot and by car. You will have visitors and deliveries. You'll want to be able to sprawl at your ease when you feel like it—and out of the public's eye. You'll want a place to work and play outdoors . . . or why own a detached house?

These make up the problems that professional planners call access, circulation, and privacy.

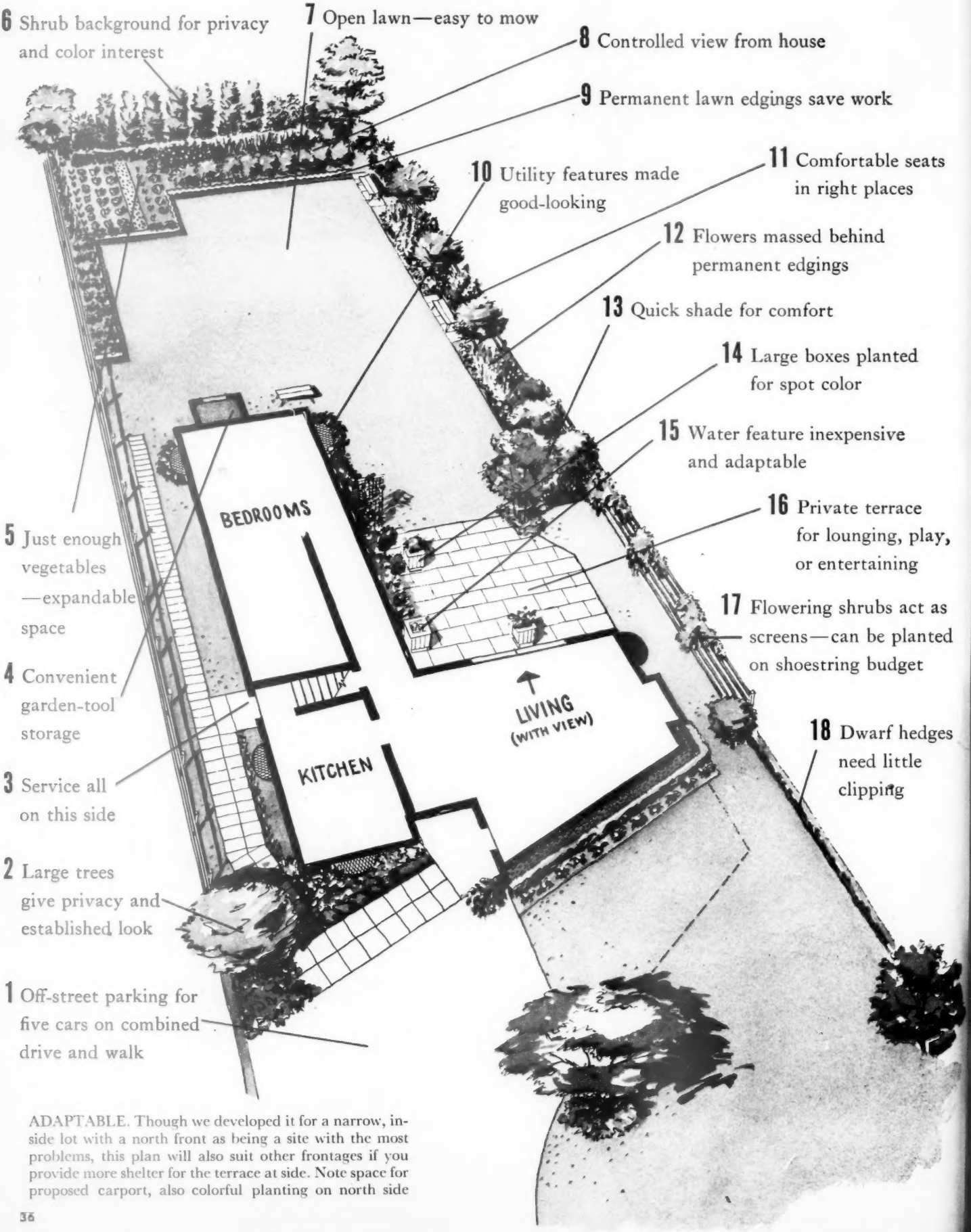
Even on a small lot, you want your home to look well from the street. You want shade, and a mud-free place for children and pets to romp. You want bloom. This is where the lawn, trees, and other plantings come in.

In organizing and planting the place we show here, we put a lot of thought into how we could cut down on the weekly maintenance, yet make certain there will be a great deal of color all season.

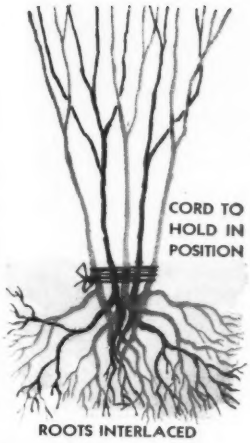
We put a sizable fraction of our total outlay into moving in large trees. As you see above, they give an established look right away—no waiting until the house needs its face lifted before there's comfortable shade.

Turn page to see a well-knit plan that includes all these essentials on a city lot ➡

18 advantages make this a good lot plan to adopt wholly or in part

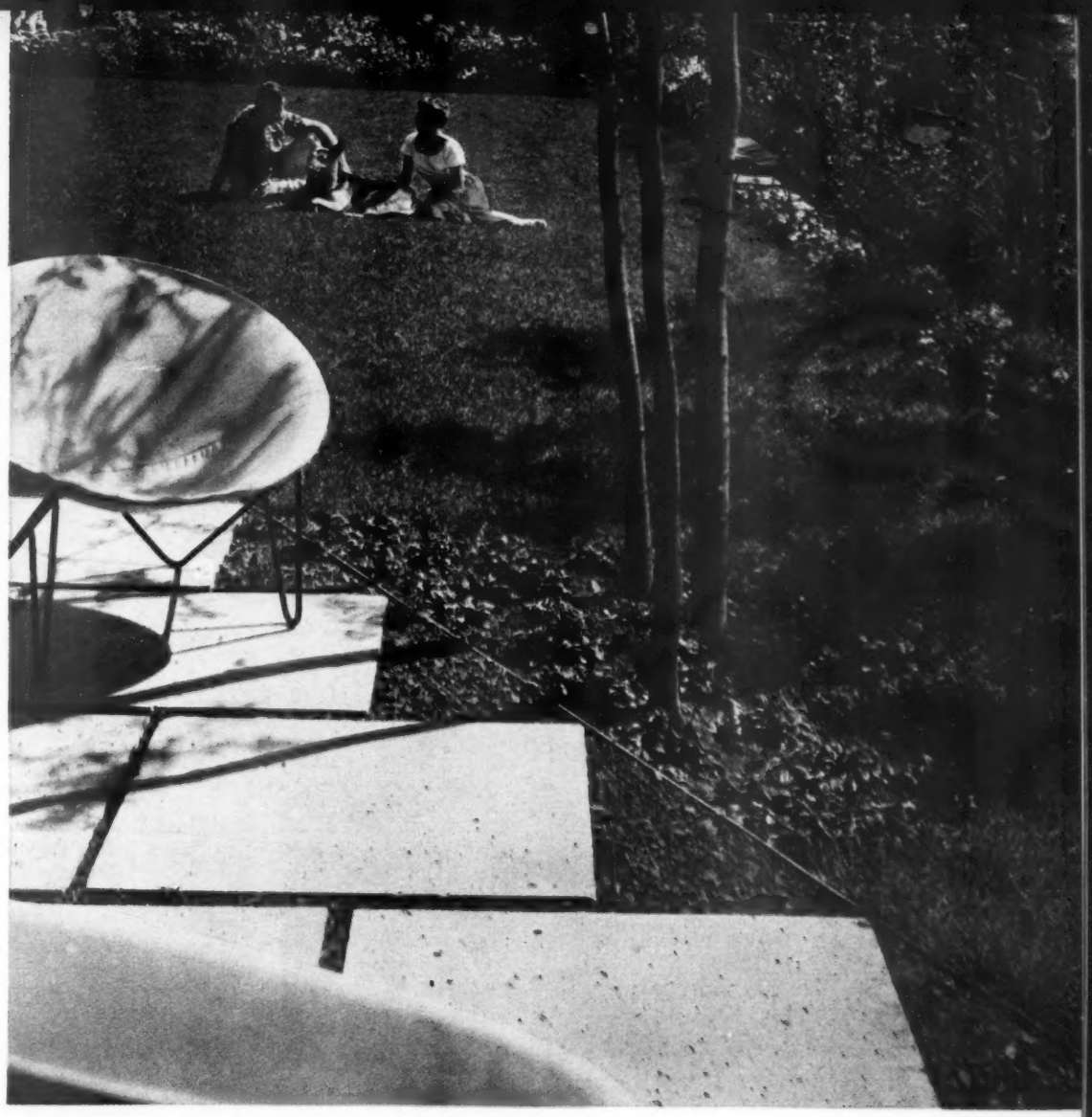


ADAPTABLE. Though we developed it for a narrow, inside lot with a north front as being a site with the most problems, this plan will also suit other frontages if you provide more shelter for the terrace at side. Note space for proposed carport, also colorful planting on north side



Quick shade. You gain the width of a much older tree when you group three or more slender young ones. Put tallest in center, let others lean.

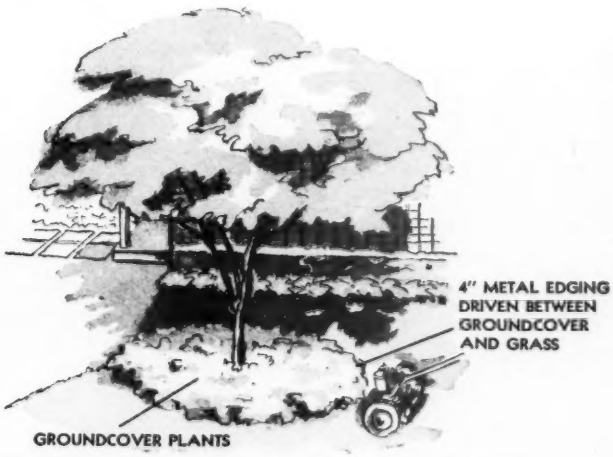
This gives you broad top. Keep bases close, as from an old stump.



Living room extended. Both in looks and in actual fact, you can enlarge your living space with paving and a lawn that's tough enough to take hard wear.

Rectangular lines are in keeping with indoor walls and furniture. You get a feeling of much greater space when your eyes are drawn to color at lawn end, as here. This is known as an open-center plan.

Big trees without waiting. To offset loss of roots when these large hawthorns were moved, we fed trees through leaves by spraying on an instantly soluble plant food. This is known as foliar feeding. It can also be used with large shrubs and lawns



No skinned bark, no scratched faces. We kept lovely low branches but save face of mower operator by filling the circle under tree with groundcover that doesn't need mowing

To see how a family terrace really works, turn the page

Handyman projects include terrace of precast blocks, big plant boxes, dipping pool, vine support

Metal edging strips. Heavy metal and wood edge all lawn areas as means toward easier mowing. On this slope, fluted strips that interlock are quickly driven into place by striking down on a wooden block laid on edging.

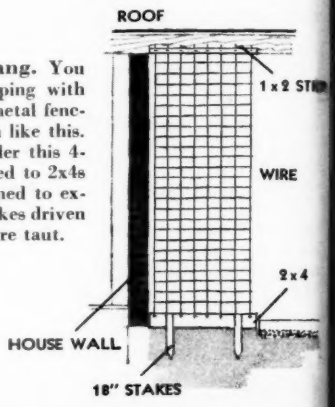
Small, leafy mounds here are ajuga plants which, spread by runners like strawberries, will soon cover soil and save both erosion of slope and hand-trimming when mowing about trees.

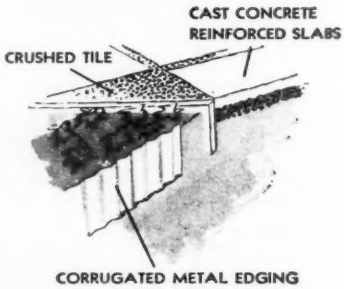
Grading finished. Land slopes gently away from house to rear and side lot lines. Terrace was kept level. Between this and side line is quick fall. Terrace blocks are precast concrete, reinforced with metal mesh. The slabs are bedded on 2 inches of sand

By late July. Crushed burned tile as a crack filler between slabs adds interest, can be kept clear with weed killer if necessary. Eye-catching flower bed across rear is raised 6 inches and held by fluted edging of asbestos cement driven into soil. Raised dipping pool makes a good-looking feature against bare section of wall

Vines under side overhang. You get a design in perfect keeping with long, low house by using a metal fencing of 2x4- or 1x4-inch mesh like this.

We used 3-foot width under this 4-foot overhang. Wire is stapled to 2x4s at ends, and these are fastened to exposed rafter and to heavy stakes driven 18 inches into soil to hold wire taut.

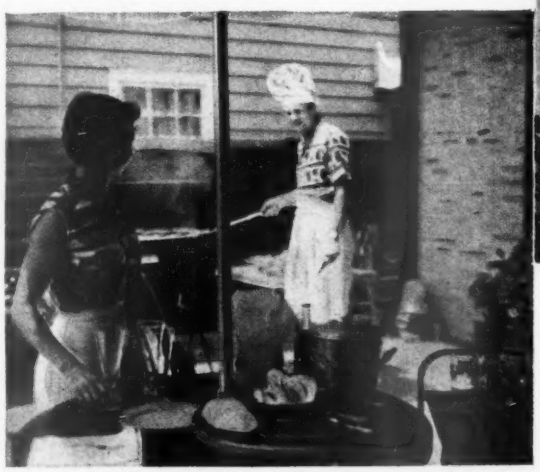




Hamburgers, with thin cold slices of home-grown tomatoes fresh from the salad garden, are the specialty on this terrace when company's on hand.

The oversize paving blocks, 25x30 inches, are appreciated when the grill and serving cart on casters are used.

Terrace measures approximately 26x24 feet.



No fancy plumbing. Laundry tub of concrete was sheathed in redwood to make the handsome and convenient dipping pool.

Common rubber stopper is lifted to let water drain into short buried hose. Inner surface is asphalted to make pool dark and cause water to reflect the flowers above it.

And now for the lawn grass and the plants we chose; turn next page

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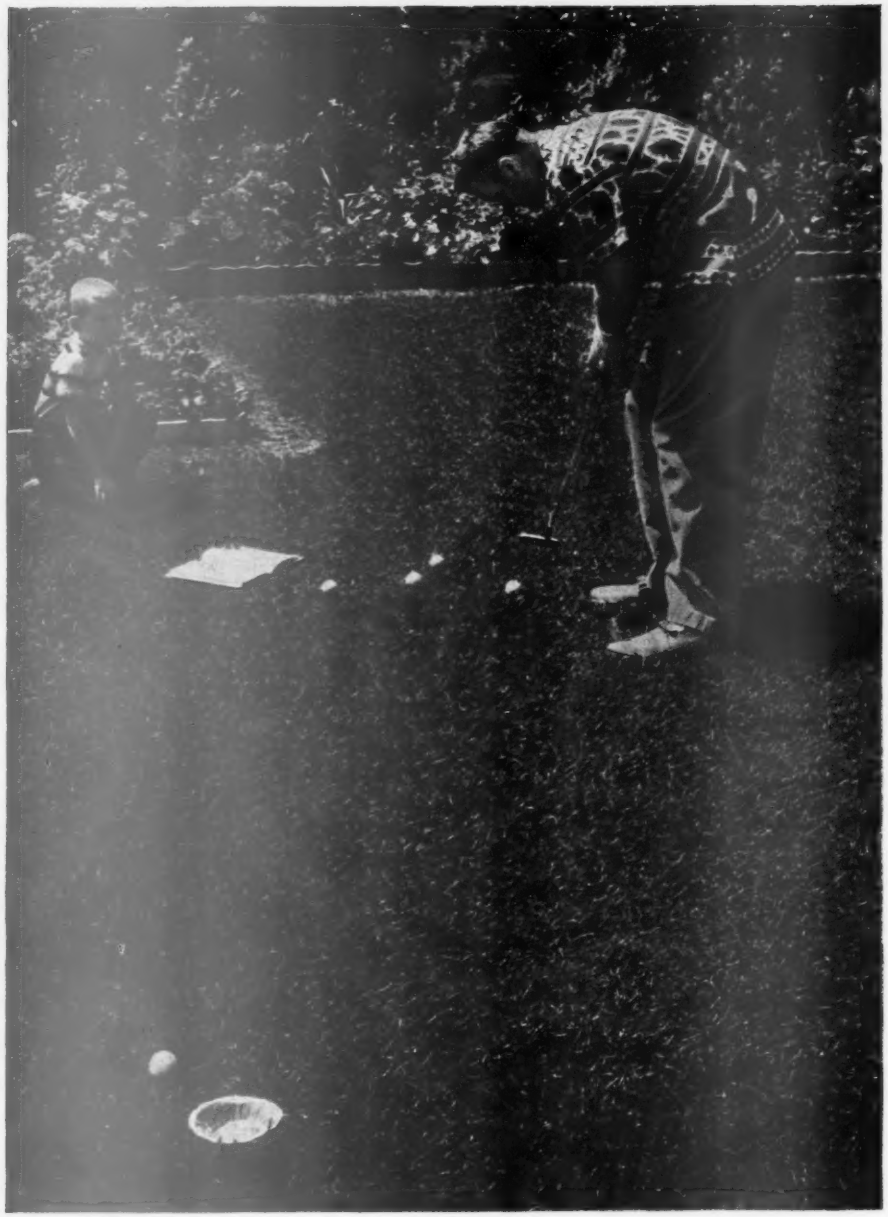
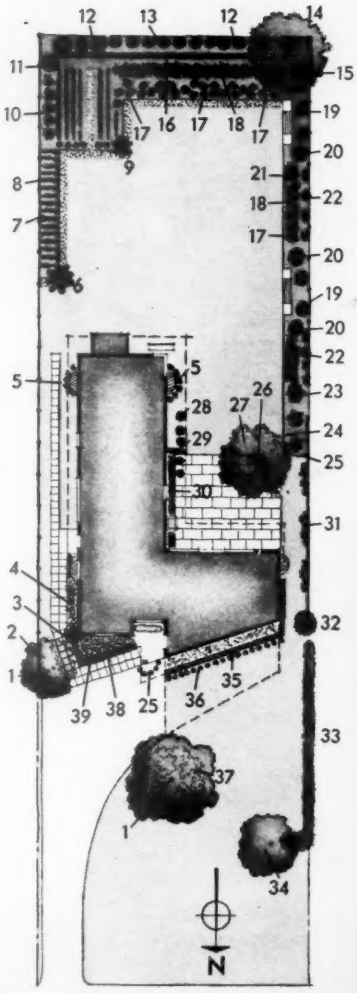


Merion bluegrass from front to back gives a beautiful but tough lawn. Merion, once it is started, makes a short, dense sod. From seed, Merion does not begin to really show its true value until the second year.

The blades of Merion are wider than those of the common Kentucky bluegrass.

In color, it is both darker and bluer, as you see below where our lawn of Merion bluegrass meets Kentucky bluegrass. Merion also holds its good green through a great deal of summer heat.



Each flower, shrub, and tree does its part to provide season-long color. Novelties get important spots →

1 Redhaw
2 Vinca groundcover
3 Corkybark euonymus
4 Tall bearded iris
5 Ball's Rainbow coleus
6 Meteor Cherry tree
7 Annuals for cutting
8 Red Rich strawberries
9 North Star Dwarf Cherry
10 Manalucie tomato
11 Mayday tree
12 Zabel honeysuckle
13 Russian-olive tree
14 Sycamore tree
15 Flowering currant
16 Red aronia (hedge)
17 Floribunda-roses vars.: Betty Prior, Jiminy Cricket, Independence, Baby Blaze
18 Perennials: Daylilies, iris, lythrum, phlox, monarda, Shasta daisies, dianthus
19 Red Flowering quince
20 Dwarf-apple vars.: Starking, Red Gold, Golden Delicious
21 New annuals: Celosia, petunias
22 Mockorange var.: Virginale
23 Lilac vars.: Ludwig Spaethe, Belle de Nancy, President Lincoln
24 Chrysanthemums: Bird Series—Cardinal, Cockatoo, Goldfinch, Canary, Kingbird, Pheasant, Sea Gull
25 Fancyleaf-caladium vars.: Keystone, Mrs. W. B. Haldeman, Red Flare, Stoplight
26 Ajuga groundcover
27 Thornless Honeylocusts
28 Fragrant Sumac
29 Vines: Clematis Ramona, Trumpetcreeper Mme. Gallen
30 Polygonum reynowtria
31 Silverlace-vine
32 Purpleleaf-plum var.: Flash
33 Redleaf Barberry hedge
34 Hybrid Walnut tree
35 Clavey Dwarf honeysuckle (hedge)
36 Tuberous begonias, Vaughan
37 Pachysandra groundcover
38 Crimson Pygmy Dwarf Barberry
39 Tulips—spring; marigolds—summer

Plants in the news grow as easily as our old favorites do

All-America Seed Selections winner is this brilliant Celosia Toreador with a new color in its uniform cockscombs. Seeds started in early April make plants ready to space 12 inches apart in garden. With it, we planted the new Petunia Paleface, a splendid bedding type. Both of these fine newcomers are annuals

Fancy leaves. When we moved in large lilacs to help screen the terrace, we found this new use for fancyleaf caladiums. Plants started in pots were [illegible] to bare soil outside the rims of balled lilac roots [illegible] colorful all summer long

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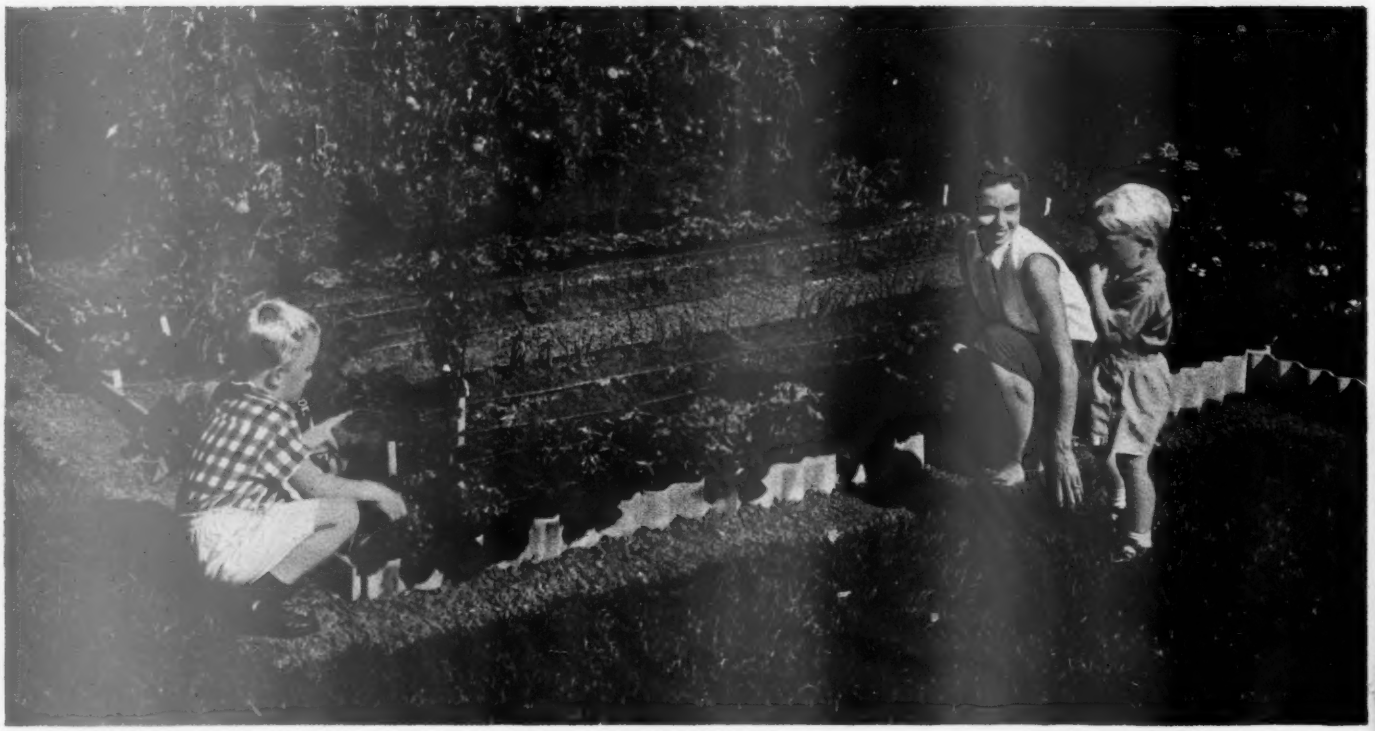
Lythrum Brightness is a new form of an old dependable perennial. We set 5 to 9 plants in long ovals in side and rear borders for color before phlox opened. We did the same with new Monarda Croftway Pink, a delectable shade of another old favorite. Both need sun

Eyecatchers all. Here's a close-up of the lush rear border that you see across the long green carpet of Merion bluegrass as you look out from the house. Daylilies are North Star (palest), Mission Bells, and Meadow Gold.

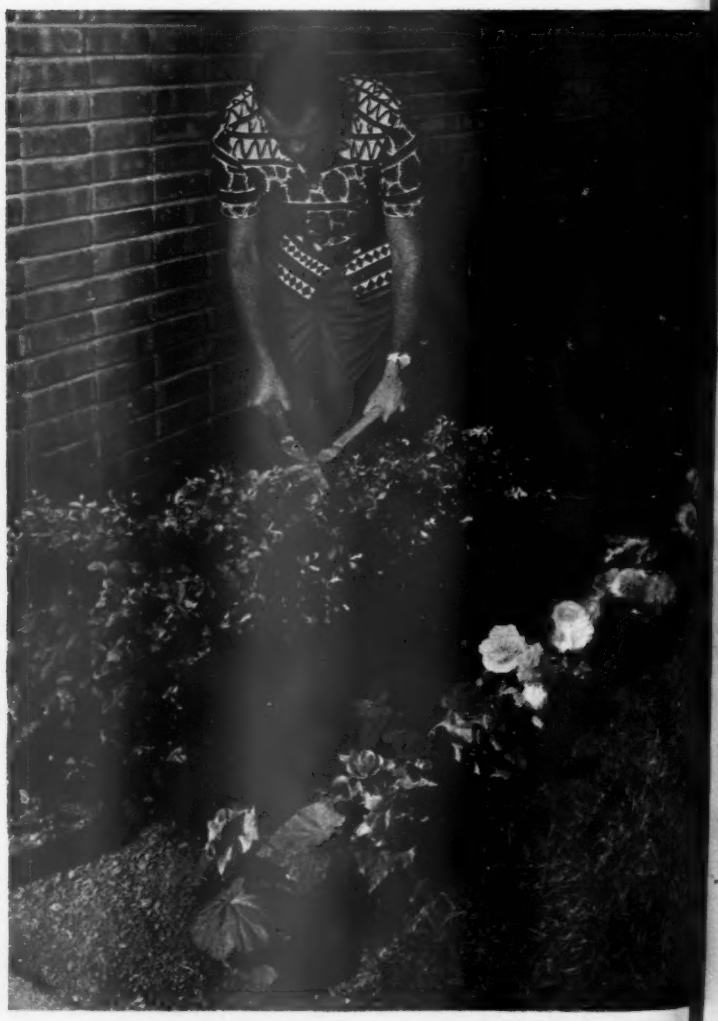
Phlox is variety Charles Curtis. Jiminy Cricket is the rose in the foreground. It's the winner for '55 in All-America Rose Selections in the floribunda class. Earlier spring color comes from Hall's Pink Hybrid iris.

More new plants and ideas on next two pages



Salad Garden is what we call this interesting corner. Staked tomatoes are variety Manalucie, a newcomer with a wonderful flavor and trouble-resistant plants. A line-up of herbs stands next, then onions and several sowings of Matchless and Salad Bowl lettuce. Red Rich strawberries make the very popular edging

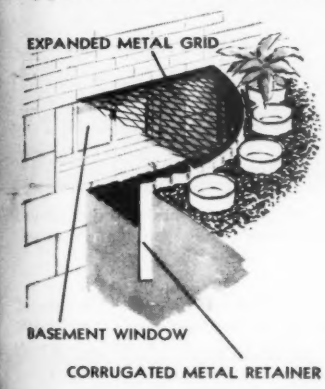
Smart for '55. We wanted a mass of low color below the front windows, also something that would look well in winter. The new dwarf Barberry Crimson Pygmy was what we chose although it does not turn its rich crimson here in the shade. Butterball marigolds give us the summer color, will be replaced after frost with tulip bulbs for spring show



Dwarf Clavey Honeysuckle was the real find for a permanent low hedge across north side with its wide overhang. Hedge row runs just inside drip line; dark crushed stone covers soil. Tuberous begonias are left in pots, and pots sunk to rims for safety

Rainbow mixture of coleus, new and easy from seed, takes care of too-prominent window well after we fitted it with neat grill for safety and convenience when windows above are to be washed.

Coleus were started early in pots, and pots sunk to rims in soil after outdoor weather was warm. Ready-to-install grills are available, but if you want to make your own, have strong bar supporting grill next to window hooks to attach to rim.



Color on the north. None of us want a dull doorway, so we solved this problem with potted caladiums facing the street. Caladiums do best where temperatures are high but no noon sun strikes them. Large potted plants like these need lots of water

Tool cabinet like this can stand anywhere. We designed it for this blank space on the rear house wall where it's handiest yet fits snugly under the roof overhang.

Any handyman can build his own and incorporate its novel and practical features, as well as the plant boxes, garden seat, and dipping pool, for which we'll give plans next month.

For more photographs and details of this tool cabinet, see pages 93, 94

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lauer, Jr., Wilmette, Illinois. Architect: Lawrence Schwall, A.I.A., Evanston, Illinois. Planting by Ralph Synnestvedt and Associates, Glenview, Illinois. Photography by Hedrich-Blessing, Chicago, Illinois.

New highway to old Mexico

The new Pacific Highway from Nogales to Mexico City is a 1,550-mile, well-paved invitation to explore seacoast and mountain villages never before accessible by auto

Dotted lines indicate old, established routes. The new road gives you a three-way choice.

By Richard T. Hardesty

For the traveler who likes the new, the excitingly unexplored, the thrill of being the first to see, Mexico still has much to offer, particularly on the west coast where the government early last year opened a new Pacific highway. This "new frontier" can be traveled at a cost that will fit any budget. The third major highway to the nation's capital, it embraces the great Sonoran deserts, the fertile agricultural state of Sinaloa, the tropics of Nayarit, and the mountain grandeur of Jalisco and Michoacan.

To taste this old-world culture, your jumping-off point will be the United States border town, Nogales, Arizona. Mexico 15 traverses the entire route. And always there to guide you are the towering, purple peaks of the Sierra Madres looking down on you from the east. If you fill your gas tank whenever possible, [*Turn to page 86*

The Pacific Highway is a good road all the way; it has opened up an entirely new territory to tourist traffic. You'll often "pull off" just to enjoy the scenery

Photographs: Griffin, Nadelmann, FPG; McElroy, Starita, Shostal

Indians fish with butterfly nets near Janitzio, ancient island stronghold on Lake Patzcuaro. They still go to and from the island (7 miles) in dugout canoes

Ornate churches dot the area, like Santa Maria Tonanzintla, near Cholula, a side trip from Mexico City. Mountains in back are Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl

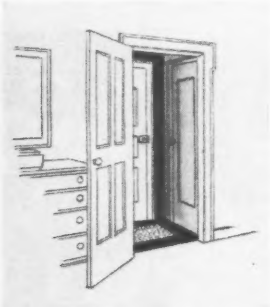
For a cross section of the villagers, visit the markets, like this one in Toluca. You'll find excellent copper- and silverware, leather goods, hand-woven fabrics

The new highway passes through scores of villages that until recently had never seen an automobile. Life is leisurely; the people are friendly

Guaymas is a popular resort for Americans. Tourists usually stay longer than planned, due to the excellent fishing, sandy beaches, and near-perfect climate

Does your hall give a

Let your hall or entranceway be bright and cheerful



Out with useless doors. Combine entryway and small hall for a spacious look. Treat the area as one room. New doors make entry closet decorative

Add color and convenient built-ins. The smallest entranceway can be made into a useful and attractive room. Plan shelves and furniture to fit the space. Dress up the area with color

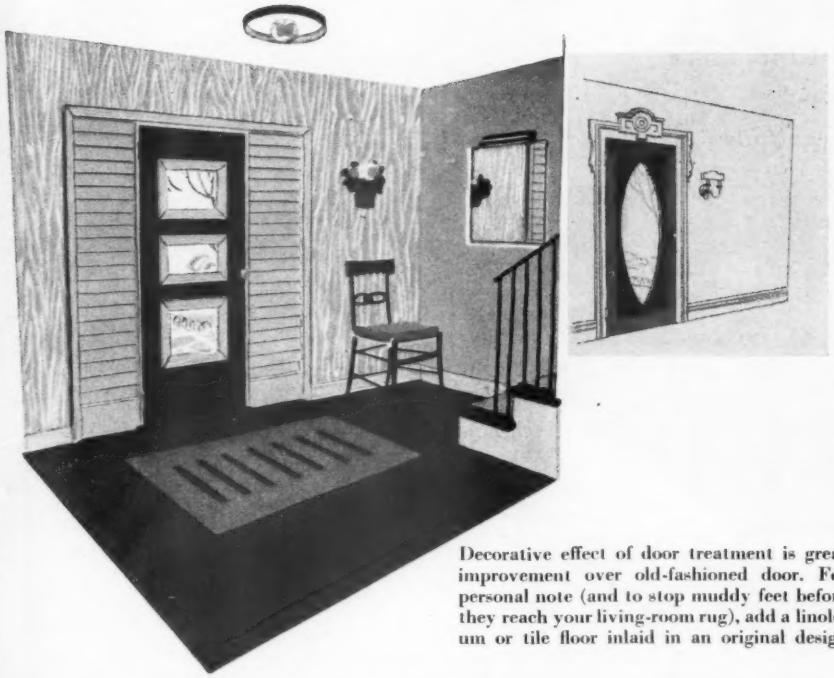
Here's how to get an entrance hall if you don't have one

Furniture plus a screen is one way. Arrangement of the unit behind the sectional sofa makes it serve both living room and "hall." Since the screen shuts out the light from the living room, the small hall area gets its own ceiling light

Drawings: Richardson

a good first impression?

By Ben E. Graves



Decorative effect of door treatment is great improvement over old-fashioned door. For personal note (and to stop muddy feet before they reach your living-room rug), add a linoleum or tile floor inlaid in an original design

Rate the area just inside *your* front door with this check list

How does the area just inside your front door measure up? Here's a check list of things that make for a perfect entranceway. This doesn't mean that every hall or front-door area has to have them all. Check off those you already have. Then look at the illustrations for suggestions to make your home really say "welcome."

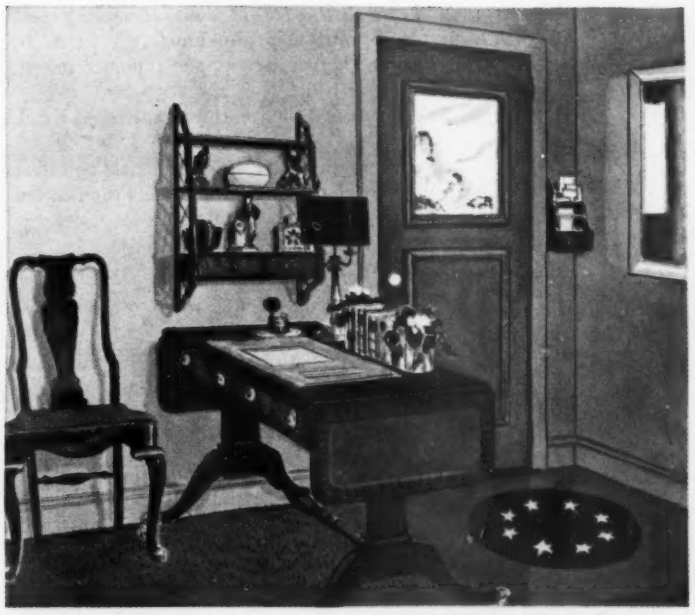
☐ **Practical flooring:** No matter what the weather, people use the front door to get in and out of your home. Why not stop the soft flooring of the living room before it reaches the front-door area? Use a small section of hard-surface flooring near the door, or an easily washed throw rug.

☐ **Storage:** If possible, you'll want a place to hang coats, store stormy-weather clothing, and the like. Consider other things, too—a place to keep the newsboy's money; a chest or table where you can park a hat or purse while you put on your coat; a spot to hold incoming and outgoing mail. Do these suggestions start you thinking? Every family has its own special needs.

☐ **Traffic signals:** No, not red and green lights. But you can place furniture or built-ins to direct "pedestrian traffic" in your home where you want it to go.

[*Turn to page 105*

If your living room is big enough, you can go "all the way." The shallow closet and bookcase-divider make this an honest-to-goodness entrance hall. The scatter rug adds a welcome note and protects the carpet or other floor covering. Note the closet area at the left of door



This is the easiest way. Arrange a piece of furniture near the door to suggest a hall. Here, the feeling is carried out by adding a square of practical flooring, the same color as the carpet, near the front door. Even this small entrance area rates high on the check list above

The world's best weatherman

Called everything from a paleface rainmaker—by a drouth-stricken Indian chief—to a downright cloud napper—by those who've seen their clouds collapse over his reservoirs—Dr. Irving P. Krick is the country's No. 1 weather prophet

By Lee Edson

Photograph: U. S. Army

Krick's prediction that the Rhine wouldn't flood enabled the Allies to cross Germany 75 days ahead of schedule. In *Sun, Sea, and Sky* (J. B. Lippincott Co., 1954), he also tells about Normandy

Several years ago, a group of Colorado cattle ranchers consulted Dr. Irving P. Krick, the weatherman. Could Krick increase the rainfall? Krick, a dramatic, temperamental, inventive ex-piano-player who operates the world's largest private weather enterprise out of Denver, said he thought he could.

He set up a series of coke-burning silver-iodide generators, manned by cowboys and filling-station attendants. He consulted his weather charts for days when atomospheric conditions would be right. At appropriate moments, he ordered the operators to let them burn. Fired up, the generators gave off their invisible vapor. And in a matter of hours, the rain came.

The next day, a Denver newspaper reporter asked, "Doc, did you make it rain?"

"We may have modified the weather," answered Krick cautiously. "Why?"

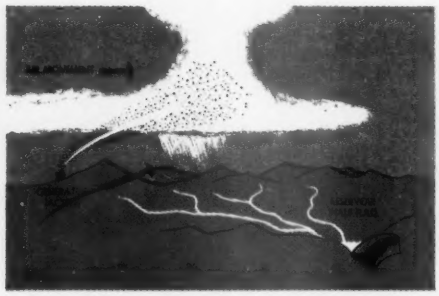
"Well," drawled the reporter, "you're being enjoined by the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America. They say your rainmaking machines might drown out their outdoor songfest. Got anything to say?"

Krick had little to say. Although aware of the serious implications in any such complaint, he was secretly delighted at being able to add a group of music lovers to a long list of citizens willing to go to court to prove he has power over the elements.

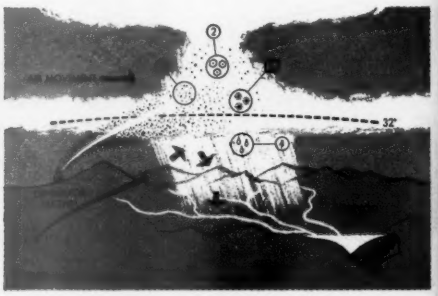
Only a few months before, a Wenatchee, Washington, Indian chief sued Krick for $800, the value of a hay crop which he claimed Krick had ruined through his paleface rainmaking activity. In Colorado, resort owners petitioned the governor to put Krick out of business; they said his weather tampering had created a snowfall which crippled their season. In Oklahoma [*Turn to page 100*

Krick doesn't "make" the rain fall, he induces it. Here's how he does it

Forecasters search for storm clouds loaded with workable moisture, caused by conflict of cold- and warm-air masses. In this case, the target is the half-full reservoir about 50 miles from the conflict



Moisture-laden clouds reach the target area and cloud-seeding begins, with silver-iodide particles being generated at the rate of 30 trillion a minute. Particles are then carried aloft on natural updraft



The silver-iodide crystals collect moisture (1) to become ice crystals (2). The crystals grow to snowflakes (3) and finally fall out as rain (4) below the 32-degree freezing level, filling the reservoir

Doctor Krick checks weather information in his Denver office while his staff checks the log of working silver-iodide generators scattered across the country

Coffey

Charlene Moss and Bob Krier, technicians in the Denver laboratory, use small tabs on map to check location sites and operation schedules of generators in South Dakota area

A cowboy readies a generator for firing on a cloud-seeding test near Long's Peak in Estes Park, Colorado. Generators are usually scattered around "target" area, are operated on call from Denver office by contract men who draw fees for work

Krick comes out of his home in Denver and makes typical layman's weather test. He has no contract to increase the water supply in Denver, but he holds contracts in several other cities

House for a family that does things

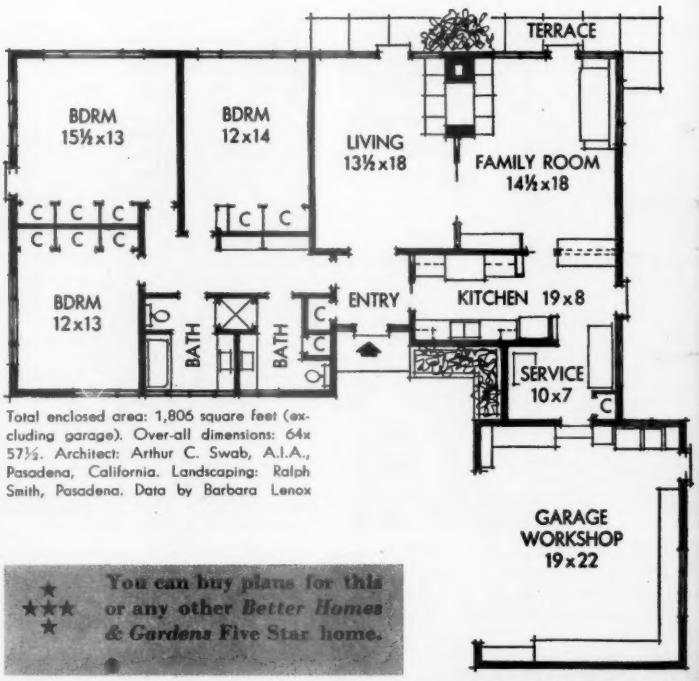
By John Normile, A.I.A.

Today's families expect more than just shelter from their homes. They want a house that allows them (the time, the space) to share day-to-day activities with young children . . . and at the same time, a house that gives grownups a domain of their own. They want hobbies all over the place. Plenty of room for entertaining. The kind of house where such doings are interesting because that's how the house looks and lives. Not a house of chores, of endless cleaning and upkeep.

Architect Arthur Swab's plan for Five Star Home No. 2501 presents just such a house in a relatively new arrangement. It's a perfect solution for an active family like that of David Greenfield, San Marino, California.

There is a living area that gives *all* the family a break. What it amounts to is dividing the area into zones for *active* play and *quiet* relaxation—a living room and a family room. A two-way fireplace serves both rooms. For spaciousness, the rooms are open to one another, but they can be separated by sliding doors.

The living room is the counterpart in size (but not in purpose) of the family room. The Greenfields do their more formal entertaining there, [*Turn to page 90*



Total enclosed area: 1,806 square feet (excluding garage). Over-all dimensions: 64x 57½. Architect: Arthur C. Swab, A.I.A., Pasadena, California. Landscaping: Ralph Smith, Pasadena. Data by Barbara Lenox

You can buy plans for this or any other *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star home.

The living area is divided equally and impartially between adults and children. Two-way fireplace is the only solid wall between rooms (though there are sliding doors). Adult area is carpeted; play space has hard-surface floor. Greenfields made the built-in couch in the background

When it's just the family, meals are served at this built-in counter. It's a room divider, too. From kitchen, you have this view across family room to the terrace and garden. Sliding door and blind over counter will close off kitchen from family room

← Though practical for family living, Five Star 2501 is not an everyday house in appearance. Design and color (redwood with pale yellow trim) are warm, friendly. High windows and deep frontage guard streetside privacy. White roof reflects summer heat

Paved terrace is a favorite gathering place for Greenfields. David turns hamburgers while Mildred serves and children supervise. Seven-foot roof overhang shelters terrace even when weatherman is uncooperative. Both living areas have doors to rear terrace

Photographs: Shulman

This first-floor workshop in a heated garage is ideal for a family of serious hobbyists or for occasional putterers. Greenfield projects run the gamut from simple toy repairs to pottery-making. Garage is extra large (19x22) to accommodate workbenches, cabinets, and tool storage built in along three walls

Wake up your home with light

What it does to color is lighting's telling test of quality. Here's how the right kind of light helps your color scheme win the battle of gloom and glare, and makes rooms flexible

By Florence Byerly

If your color scheme's sparkle and life go down with that evening sun, poor lighting may be the cause. Its unpopular companions, gloom and glare, go to work at the flick of a switch, making delicate colors look washed out and bright ones grayed or garish.

The Robert Phillipses of Des Moines, Iowa, found that their lighting wasn't doing justice to the lovely color harmony of their living and dining rooms. What's more, it added nothing to their comfort in reading, watching television, writing, and entertaining.

Lamps were too small for the areas they had to serve, and their haphazard placement left corners in darkness. Television set was lighted only by a wall sconce which glared in viewers' eyes. In the dining room, a low-hanging fixture blocked the traffic lane to the kitchen.

You'll see how the lighting changes the Phillipses made sparked up colors and created more flexible rooms. Check the before and after pictures against your own home lighting—perhaps you need to make some changes, too!

Colors darken and look muddy in poor light. Too-small lamps mean eyestrain

Photographs: Hopkins

Pulldown lamp, light-colored ceiling make a brighter, flexible room

Before: Lighting fixture dictated furniture arrangement in the small dining room. Average-height person couldn't walk under fixture, so table was kept in center to prevent bumped heads. A room with a high ceiling could take this low-hanging fixture

After: Furniture arrangement no longer is rigid with the new ceiling fixture, which pushes up high for clear passage underneath, pulls down low for dining, when the table is in the center. New valance fluorescent brings out the true color of the walls

More on page 66

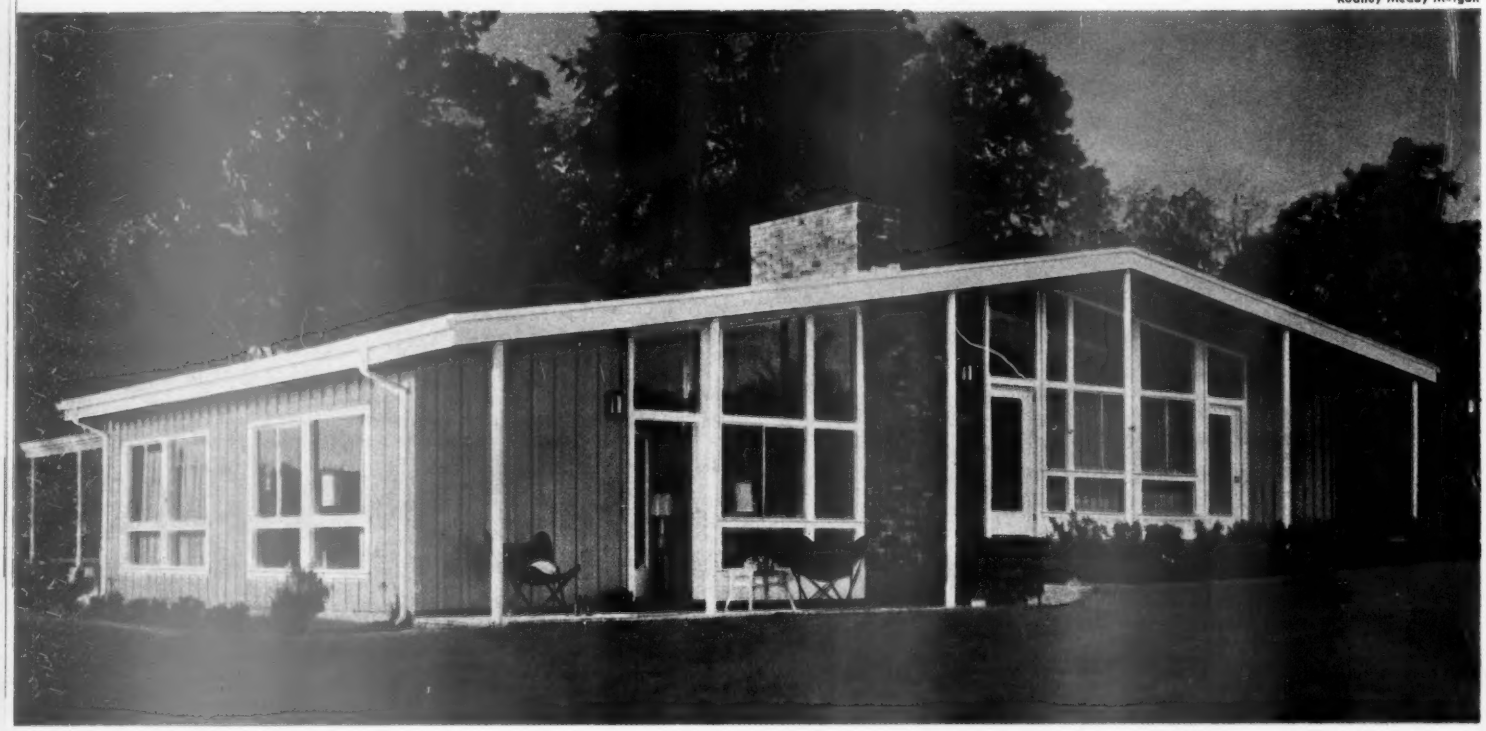
You spent a lot of time planning that color scheme—so show it up like this!

After: Light-colored, semitransparent shades release light all over area—and look at how the colors have come to life! New lamps are taller, because larger lamps were needed to shed enough light along the long sofa

Often a change to a 150-watt bulb or a lighter shade can make an old lamp do a 100-percent more efficient job, if the lamp is tall enough to begin with. Valance matches picture mats, conceals a glowing fluorescent tube

Four good homes across the country

Rodney McCay Morgan



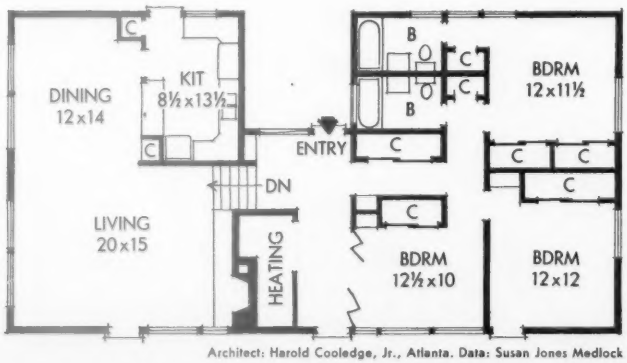
The veranda has simple columns, and stretches across the width of the house at back. It overlooks a large lake. Windows from floor to ceiling focus on the view from inside the house, open onto porch. House is in Jonesboro, Georgia

GEORGIA: Modern with a Southern accent

COMTEMPORARY AS IT IS, this house includes many Southern traditions—columns, high ceilings, tall windows, indoor shutters—all restyled a bit, true, but they form important features of this house owned by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Spivey.

Higher ceilings were gained in the living-room wing by placing the floor level 3 feet below the rest of the house. Thus, extra space and airiness are added to ease the long summer season.

Louvered shutters find their place inside the house as a folding partition between hall and study/guest room. With shutters open, study becomes part of general living area and strongly recalls the old double parlor.



Architect: Harold Cooledge, Jr., Atlanta. Data: Susan Jones Medlock

In earlier days, most houses in the South had a "dog trot"— a hall bisecting the house front to back and opening on a veranda or porch at each end. The same idea forms a dramatic and useful entrance hall here in a modern manner

By Herbert L. Smith, Jr.,
and Curtiss Anderson

They have nothing in common except that they're all colorful, original, and up to date in planning. The styles vary as, but not because, regions vary. Each would be proud and practical anywhere

Garrison

A traditionally correct New England house can be up to date in plan and still have the white board fence, the shutters, and the cupola

Living and dining space is open, but is a compromise for those who like a separate dining room. Dining area is in an ell off living room. Fireplace is as much in view of dining ell as it is of living room where it's located.

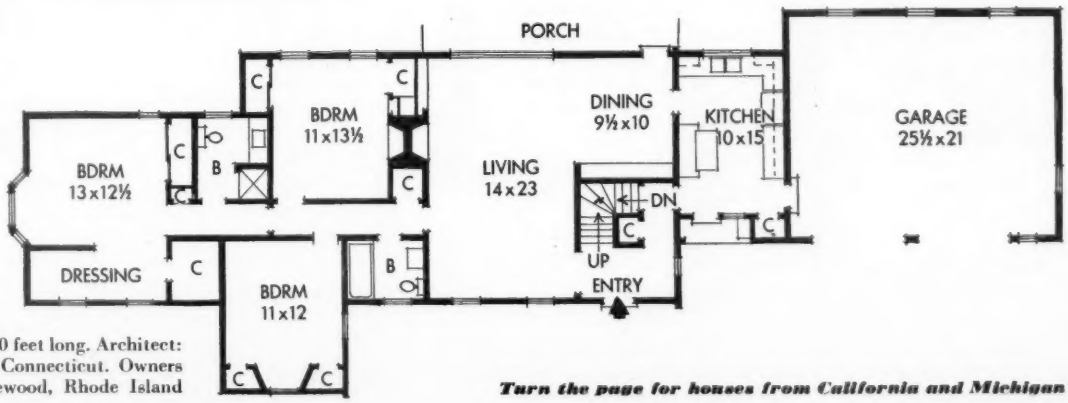
Best view is at rear, so that's where big window is. Off the street, there's no need to draw the draperies for privacy in the living area.

RHODE ISLAND: Tradition with a new plan

THE FIRST HOME this family built had much to do with the success of this one. Their experience led them to a modification of their favored Yankee New England architecture, adapting a thought or two from today's planning trends.

Bedrooms are on the same floor as the living areas here, but substantially separated with a bathroom and bedroom/study as a buffer. The living room is as wide as the house—from end to end, 23 feet. Other Contemporary ideas: openness which accents space and makes more of smaller rooms; developed outdoor living; orientation to the view—at the rear where privacy permits big windows.

The main bedroom is a relatively complete living unit, with dressing room, very large closets, and complete bathroom.



Very modern, this one-floor plan is 100 feet long. Architect: T. Frederick Norton, West Mystic, Connecticut. Owners are the William D. Mewhorts, Edgewood, Rhode Island

Turn the page for houses from California and Michigan

The lot is a difficult one, but the house makes sense of it—a "pie shape" only 19 feet at the front, spreading out to 176 feet toward the view. There are neighbors on both sides.

Important living space is on the south and east, where there are view and prevailing breeze. Clerestories are formed in the bedroom and kitchen, where flat-roofed wings adjoin.

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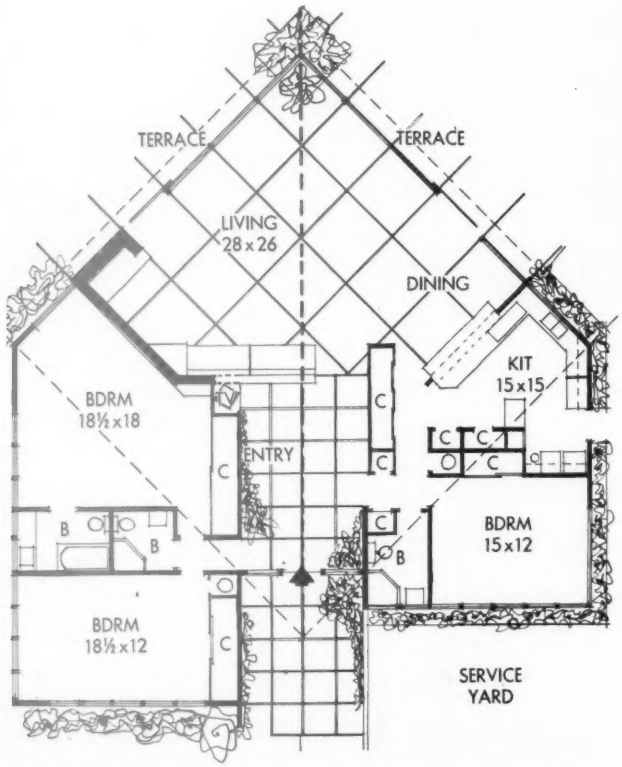
CALIFORNIA: A new angle for a view . . . this *diagonal* plan works wonders with space and orientation for the best view



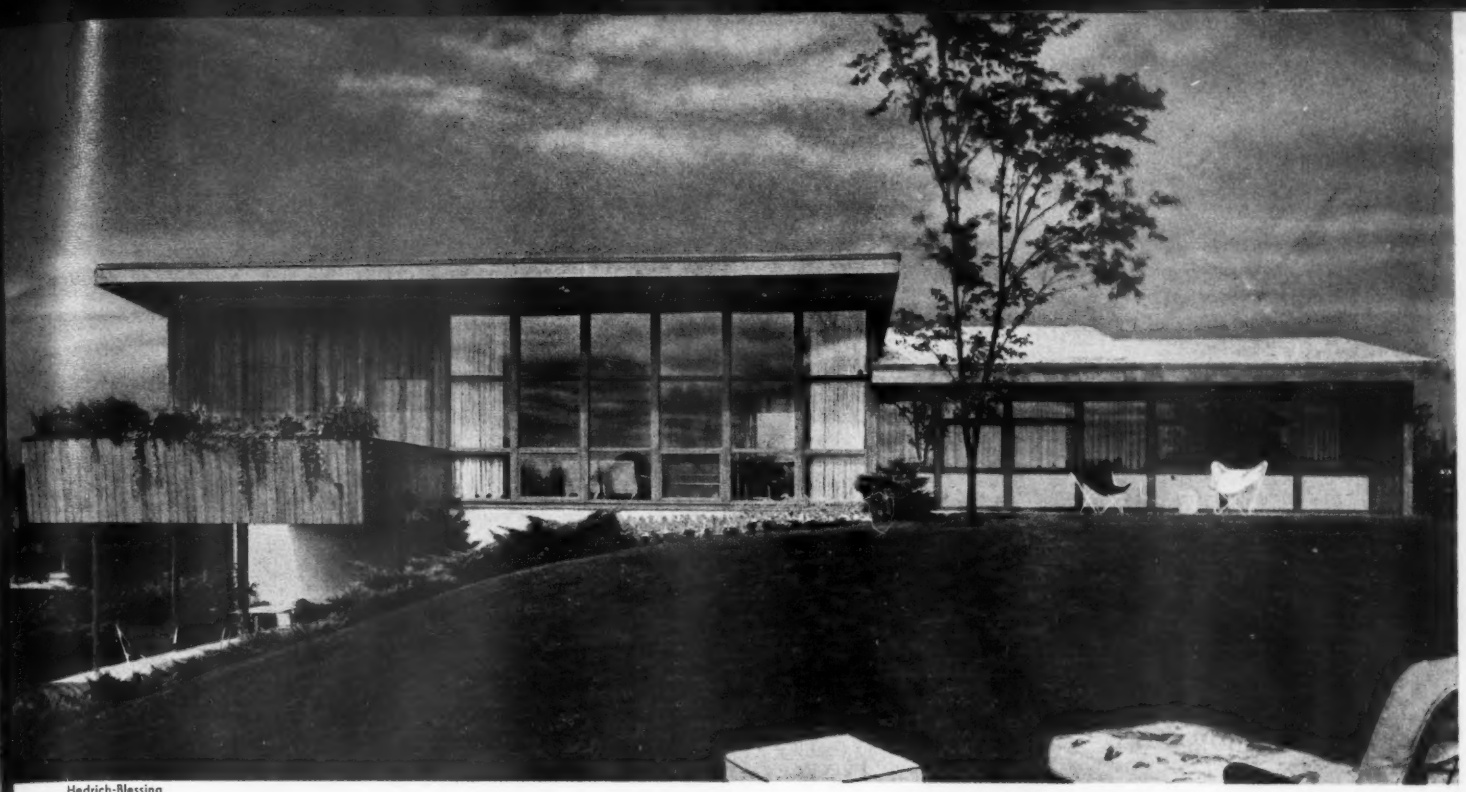
Broken line shows how beam pierces great, open living area. Designer: Rodney Walker, Los Angeles. Owners: The Keester Sweeneys. Data: Ethel McCall Head; Elizabeth Gilrain, West Coast editor

From any corner of the living area (here even from entrance hall), you can see outdoors . . . a view of mountains, foothills, valleys, the city of Los Angeles. The floor is polished concrete squares set between redwood strips

A CENTER RIDGE BEAM spans 48 feet from entrance to farthest corner of living area. From head on, the main part of the house appears as a triangle—actually (as you see on the plan), it's a square. The triangular shape results from running the center beam on the *diagonal* of the square. With overhangs, the beam stretches 68 feet. A tentlike roof drops from either side of the beam, and flat-roofed wings branch out from the front.

A terrace wraps around the living area, and the great walls of glass scarcely let you know where the inside begins and ends.

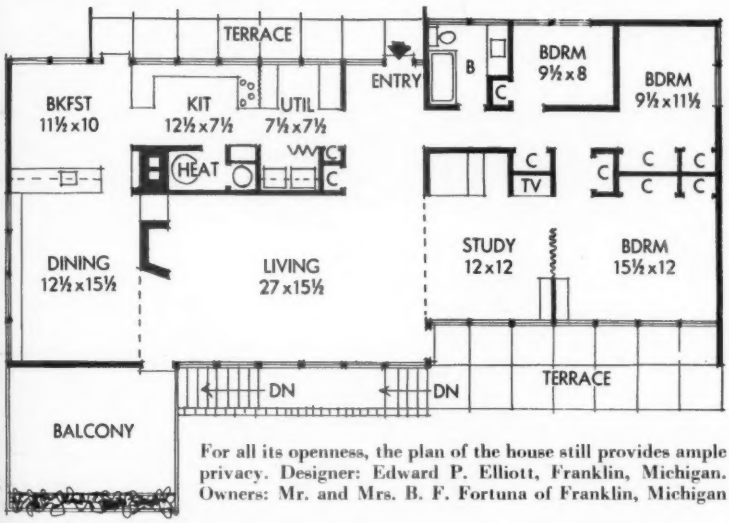
Structural posts along window-walls are anchored on a 6-foot module, so glass and wood between posts are standard in size. Redwood rafters conforming to this module lead from ridge and are exposed. There's no need for interior partitions in the main wing as the roof floats on center beam, rafters, and posts. Only bedrooms and bathrooms are partitioned. Storage units and furniture are dividers in living space.



Hedrich-Blessing

Touches of bright color enliven the natural wood siding on the exterior of the house. Changes in roof slope over the living-dining and the bedroom wings help define the areas from outside, and from inside when folding partitions are left open.

Terrace beneath the projecting balcony continues beneath dining and breakfast rooms, and will eventually be enclosed to form a lower-level recreation and family work room.



For all its openness, the plan of the house still provides ample privacy. Designer: Edward P. Elliott, Franklin, Michigan. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fortuna of Franklin, Michigan

MICHIGAN: Living the length of the house . . . an open plan adds space

THE FULL LENGTH of this house can be opened into one enormous living area, 67 feet long. There's space for a family reunion or a meeting of the Ladies' Guild—and for uncramped everyday living.

But flexible partitions quickly convert the various areas into private rooms. A center belt of storage walls further divides activities while serving a practical purpose. The master bedroom has a separate door into the hall for use when room is closed from the study.

Four outdoor terraces add space and variety to the living areas. On the south, a terrace off the study makes a cheerful sitting area for the morning. A balcony off the dining area is secluded enough for sun bathing. The carport roof is a haven for those who enjoy front-porch sitting. And where the land drops below the dining wing, there's a shady recreation terrace. Touches of bold color, both inside and outside, accent the natural woods used throughout this house.

To add comfort to the large opened room—Michigan climate ranges from very cold to very warm—the roof projects just far enough over the south window-wall to let in the warm sun in winter, shut it out in summer.

← The sense of openness and space in the living areas is apparent in this view of the living room and dining room. Another 17½ feet of length is added to this area when the study and bedroom are opened. The study forms a buffer area to give extra privacy to the master bedroom when these two rooms are closed off from the living room by folding walls

Serve hearty meats on chilly days

Your family will warm up to these—beef stew, pot roast, meat loaf, braised pork

Photographs: Snook, Photography, Inc.

By Myrna Johnston

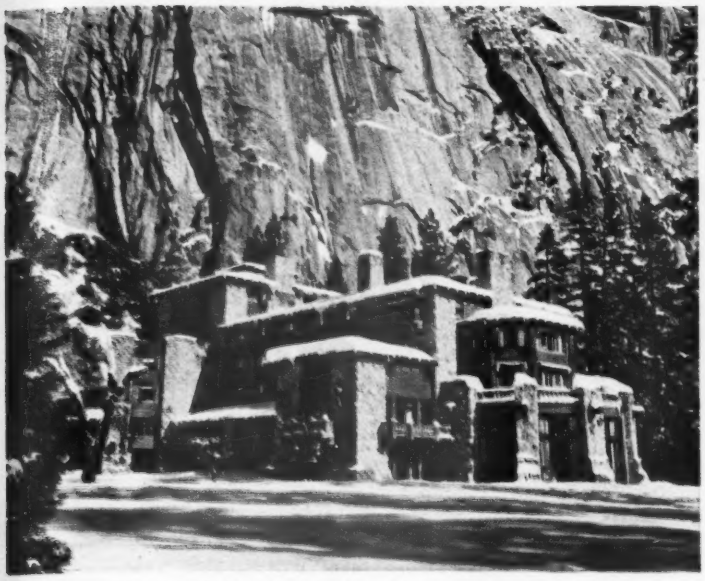
"The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow." But no one cares what's doing out of doors when dinner's one of these delicious homespun favorites.

Time to call the rosy-cheeked youngsters in from play? And almost time for Dad to come home from work? Let the first greeting be the good aroma of meat that has cooked long and slowly in the oven, or in Dutch oven or skillet. Meat that has added to its own the subtle flavors of herbs and seasonings, the robust touch of onion or garlic.

For instance, the hub of your meal might be the let-the-wind-blow special in the copper chafing dish. It's **Veal Roll-ups With Olive Sauce** served over wide noodles. Inside each cutlet is a well-seasoned stuffing.

Or how about the **Braised Short Ribs With Onion Gravy,** lower left in the picture? After you brown the ribs, the oven takes over the cooking till time to fix the gravy.

Another smart choice: **Oven Beef Stew,** in oval baker. Husky chunks of meat, whole onions and [*Turn to page 79*



Snow frosting trims The Ahwahnee, crowns the mountain peaks, swirls down the ski slopes. The dining rooms of this friendly hotel offer the best in food to the many families who come to Yosemite to revel in winter's wonderland and sports

Presto chango! Come summertime, Ahwahnee guests enjoy a buffet dinner on the terrace—in the wildflower meadow-loggia area. Idea for buffets: garnish placed out of carver's way at end of platter as for roast beef

Photographs: Lyman Emerson; Ansel Adams

Famous foods FROM *famous places*

The Ahwahnee, Yosemite

THERE'S INSPIRATION for family meals at The Ahwahnee, a hospitable hotel in Yosemite Valley. So don your snow togs and come with us on a recipe tour to your own magnificient Yosemite National Park, California. Fred Pierson, The Ahwahnee's expert chef, is our guide.

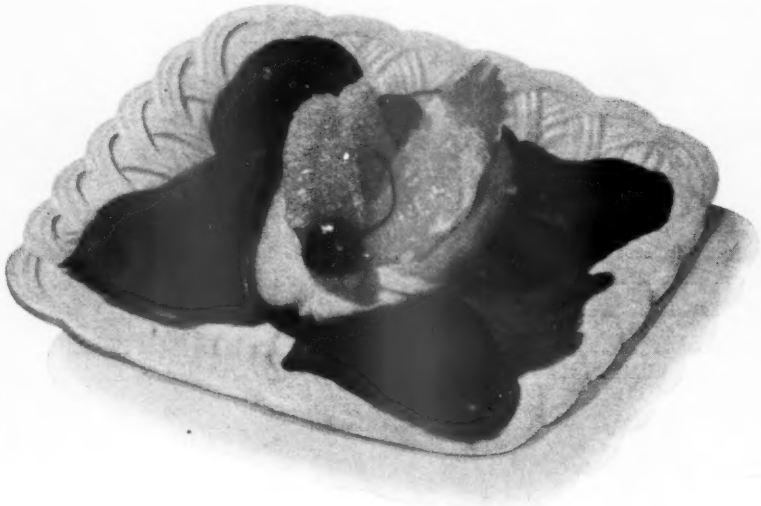
First, let's join the group of happy skiers and skaters in the Indian Room. There, a candlelight buffet is in full swing (see the gala table, opposite). Bet you never tasted anything better than Ahwahnee Tenderloin Tips! The strips of beef and green pepper are served in a mushroom sauce. (Chef Pierson created this specially for hungry skiers.) Try this for your own midnight supper on New Year's Eve or for any special occasion. It's the kind of impressive he-man dish Dad likes to be famous for. [*Turn to page 98*

Take your place for a year-round treat—Chicken Salad Plate. In summer, tables are bright with daisies or "susans"; in wintertime, with fragrant cedar or pine

From Bracebridge celebration: At left—candle glows from fun-to-make holder (see how-to). Right—fruit appetizer in orange basket atop crushed ice or snow

Candlelight ski buffet: in chafing dish—Ahwahnee Tenderloin Tips and French-fried Potato Balls. At left—Golden Macaroni Salad with Grapefruit Rose trim. Below—California salad bowl, breadbasket with cheese cornucopias. Dessert—Big Devil's-food Cake, fruit compote, hot coffee

Winter salads, fresh as spring

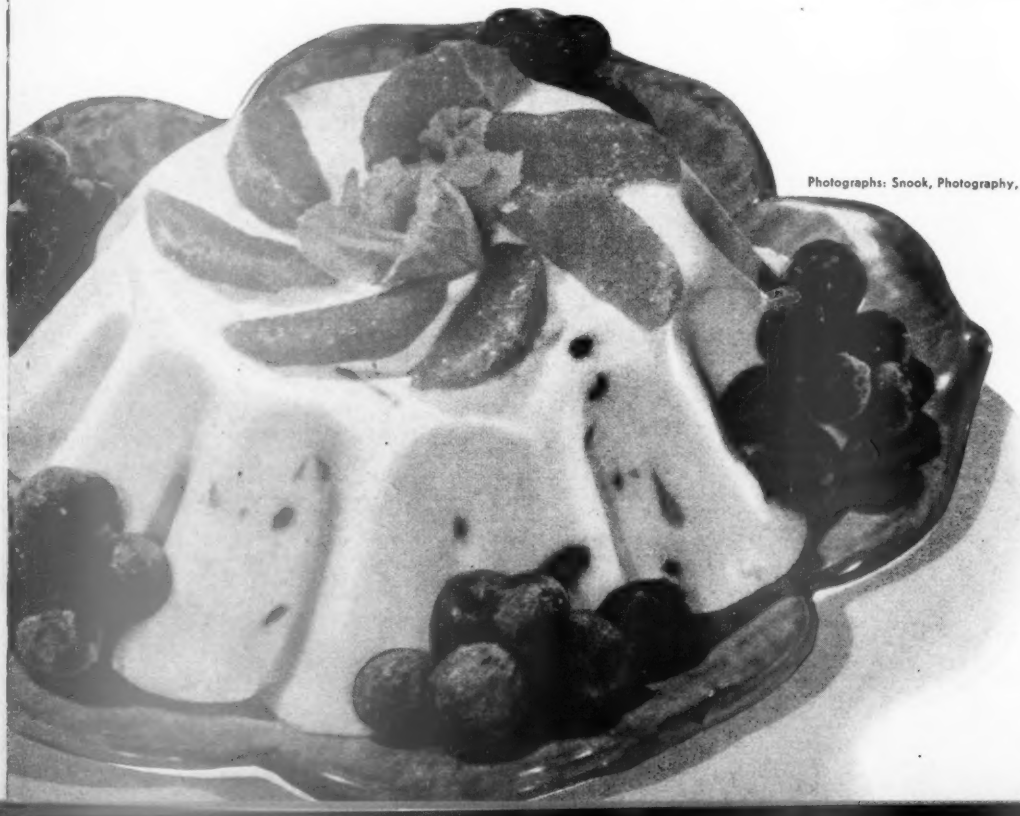


Tropicana plate. Split banana lengthwise and arrange at side. Alternate orange and grapefruit sections atop pineapple sticks. Add gay spiced crabapples. Serve with Celery-seed Dressing

January special. As easy to make as it looks! Place peeled avocado half on crisp leaves and sprinkle with lemon juice. Fill center with orange segments, maraschino cherries. Pass French dressing

Fruit Fluff Salad. An attractive gelatin mold—flavorful with fruit juices—interesting with bits of fruits and crunchy nuts. The dressing's built in, too. Make salad the day before the party

Pineapple Cart-wheel Salad. Make sandwiches of pineapple slices with cream-cheese filling that's flavored with candied fruits and peels. Cut rings in two and stand on edge. Add tender prunes



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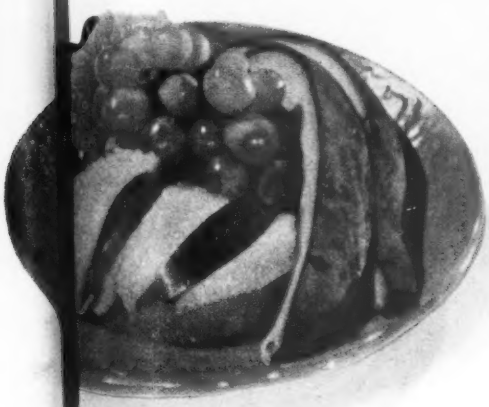
ADD SPLASHES OF SUNSHINE to cold-weather meals with these salads. You can fix them in wizzard time. And they look all the more exciting when pretty plates are part of the arrangement. For luscious slim-downers, take your pick of fruit—fresh, frozen, canned

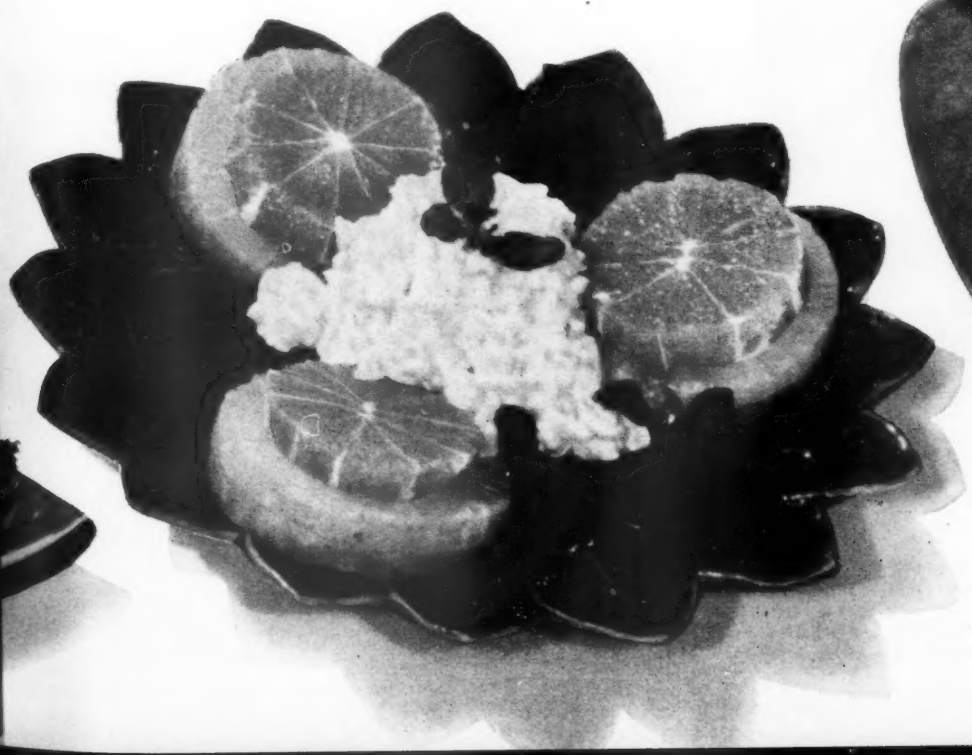
By June Horne



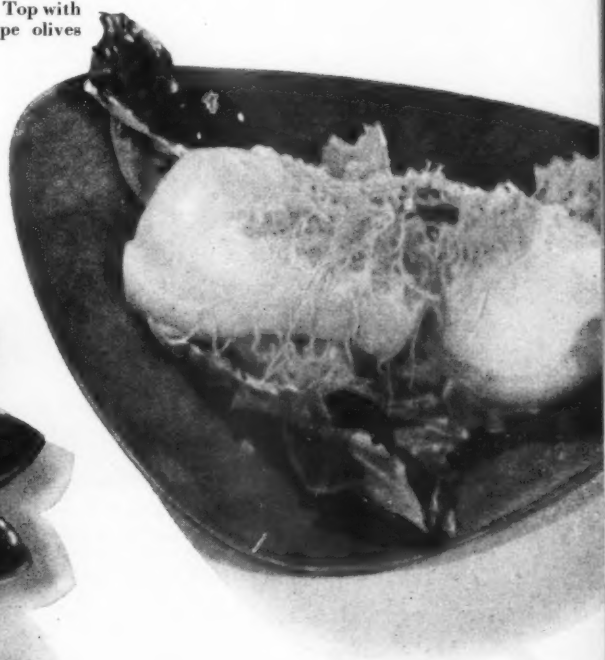
Three-minute treat. Bright-hued and appetizing for a gray day: grapefruit and apple wedges, plump green grapes, sunny orange sections, avocado strips

Sunrise salad bowl. Banana fan arranged on lettuce, cranberry-sauce-filled peach halves, orange wedges, a bunch of grapes, fat canned figs, and walnut halves

Winter sunburst. A help-yourself salad of pineapple and orange slices, a mound of snowy cottage cheese, and half-slices of canned jellied cranberry sauce



Pear-and-cheese salad. Speed's the word. Sandwich chilled, canned pear halves with mayonnaise. Top with grated American cheese and add shiny ripe olives



More salad ideas and recipes on page 74

Help yourself to bread sticks

Slim-jim Bread Sticks get off to a quick start with a box of hot-roll mix. For added flavor, sprinkle the sticks with coarse salt, celery seed, or garlic salt. Perfect any time of year

You can depend on easy-to-fix bread sticks to give a lift to company or family dinners. They'll turn even the simplest meal into something special. Wonderful with soup or salad. Try the crusty, old-world bread sticks, bacon-flavored biscuit twists, tender cheese-pastry fingers, crunchy coconut bars, or crispy corn sticks. These treats will delight your guests at a casual morning coffee, ladies' luncheon, or Sunday-best dinner. Look them over in the pictures.

Some bread sticks are started from scratch, others begin with bakery bread or biscuit, hot-roll or corn-muffin mix. Each is delicious and well worth the effort.

More on page 76

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Bacon Twists—a real eye-opener for the breakfast brigade. Or pass a basket of these tender rolls to stretch out a light lunch. Start with biscuit mix or regular biscuit dough with bits of bacon scattered throughout. Be prepared—you'll be asked for seconds!

Golden Corn Stix nestle cozily in a basket ready to satisfy even the hungriest member of the family. They're special favorites with the men. Bake a batch and serve with big, main-dish salad, a rich, bubbling stew, or an old-fashioned baked-bean dinner

1 can of Beef Soup plus 1 can of Beef Noodle – Combine both soups in a saucepan – blend with about 1½ cans of water. Stir until smoothly blended – *heat and serve.* You'll discover a new satisfying soup for big appetites – *doubly* generous with cubes of lean beef, plentiful with fine egg noodles, barley and carrots in a flavorful beef stock.

An exciting idea from *Campbell's* –

new soups from two soups

1 can of Bean with Bacon plus 1 can of Vegetable – Pour together – blend with about 1½ cans of water. *Heat and serve.* Here's a new, full-flavored soup – with enough nourishing goodness to make a meal!

SOUP MATES

By Anne Marshall
Director, Home Economics, Campbell Soup Company

... the easy way to make delicious new soups!

Here's an adventure for every cook who likes to try something new! It's Soup Mates – the creative cooking idea of blending two soups to make exciting new soups. Try it yourself – it's easy! Use any of the combinations we suggest here for trying Soup Mates. See what new flavor, new character one great Campbell Soup gives another!

CAMPBELL'S SOUP MATES LEAFLET – AT YOUR GROCER'S NOW!

It's filled with suggestions for new Soup Mates – including such tempting combinations as these:

- 1 can Cream of Mushroom plus 1 can of Scotch Broth (with 1½ cans of water)
- 1 can of Chicken Noodle plus 1 can of Cream of Celery (with 1½ cans of milk or water)
- 1 can of Tomato plus 1 can of Green Pea (with 1½ cans of equal parts milk and water).

Campbell's Soups Quick – nutritious – and simply delicious!

Wake up your home with light

Begins on page 52

You need lots of light for close work, softer light for television viewing

Floor lamp does double duty by lighting the desk and the easy chair. Both are getting additional light from fluorescent valance light. Floor lamp has advantage of leaving desk top clear, also cuts down glare on the picture glass. Ineffective sconce, see picture below, was removed

New sconce in the same place as old one gives the kind of soft, unobtrusive light you want for watching television. Light is indirect and beams up to the ceiling to reflect a comfortable glow with no glare. Reflected light such as this does not distract the viewer's attention

Before: Far end of room is an ideal spot for game table.

But with the feeble light, it's hard to tell who's winning the game! Lamp is much too small for this purpose.

After: Maybe we still don't know who's winning, but it's easy to see the new lamp is scoring with good light.

It's tall enough to give light over a large area.

Before: You get tired in a hurry of reading if you have to lean into the light.

Lamp is too short. A light shade might help, but dark one, if white inside, is all right.

After: This fellow has the right idea on reading comfort.

Table lamps should measure 15 to 17 inches from table to bottom of shade. Use 150-watt bulb for reading.

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Money for your recipes

Prizes for peach favorites, corn fix-ups

ONE OF OUR CASH PRIZES may be yours if your recipe for a peach favorite or a corn fix-up is a winner in our new twin contest. If you are chosen Cook-of-the-Month, you will receive $20. Twenty other winners will receive $5 each! Eight of the winning recipes will be pictured in the Prize Tested Recipes pages next August. And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and six copies of the endorsed recipe.

Hints to help you

Peach favorites. These are the treats you fix that bring you acclaim as a cook. You may use fresh, canned, or frozen peaches. Perhaps your specialty is a luscious pie, or a plain or fancy dessert, baked, chilled, or frozen. Or it may be a wonderful salad, plain or jellied. Suggestions:

peach pie
upside-down peach cake
peach gelatin salad
peach cobbler
peach shortcake
peach whip
peach ice cream
peach dumplings
peach chiffon pie
baked peaches

Corn fix-ups. Send us your recipe for your best corn dish, using fresh, canned, or frozen corn. Perhaps it's a delicious soup or chowder, a special way with corn on the cob. It may be a tasty soufflé, a casserole to serve as a vegetable or main dish, or a stuffing for other vegetables. Ideas:

creole corn
corn-stuffed peppers
corn souffle
squaw corn
corn chowder
corn pudding
roast corn
corn fritters
corn relish
scalloped corn
corn stuffing

This month's winners

(*See recipes on pages 71 and 72*)

Cook-of-the-Month
Mrs. W. E. Stenstrom, Berlin, Wis.

Other Winners

Mrs. Fred Brown, Sylvania, Ohio
Mrs. R. A. Browning, Wenonah, N. J.
Mrs. Yvonne Christensen, Merced, Calif.
Mrs. J. H. Falb, Hazel Crest, Ill.
Mrs. William W. Hannaman, Baton Rouge, La.
Mrs. Russell B. Hathaway, E. Braintree, Mass.
Mrs. Joseph Kacenga, Youngstown, Ohio

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Mrs. John C. Beggs, Manchester, Conn.
Mrs. Jack R. Delp, Oroville, Calif.
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Mrs. Katrine S. Rock, Matanzas, Cuba
Mrs. Jessie A. Smith, Oakland, Calif.
Clara Stude, Madison, Wis.

Contest rules

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time, and mark it "August Peach Favorites" or "August Corn Fix-ups."
2. Print your full name and address in upper right corner of paper.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, teaspoons—never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the origin of the recipe you submit.
6. Recipes submitted become property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, January 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5401 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

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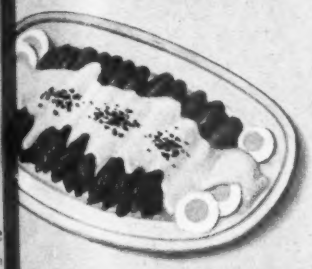

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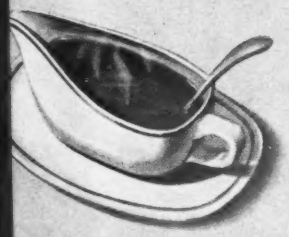

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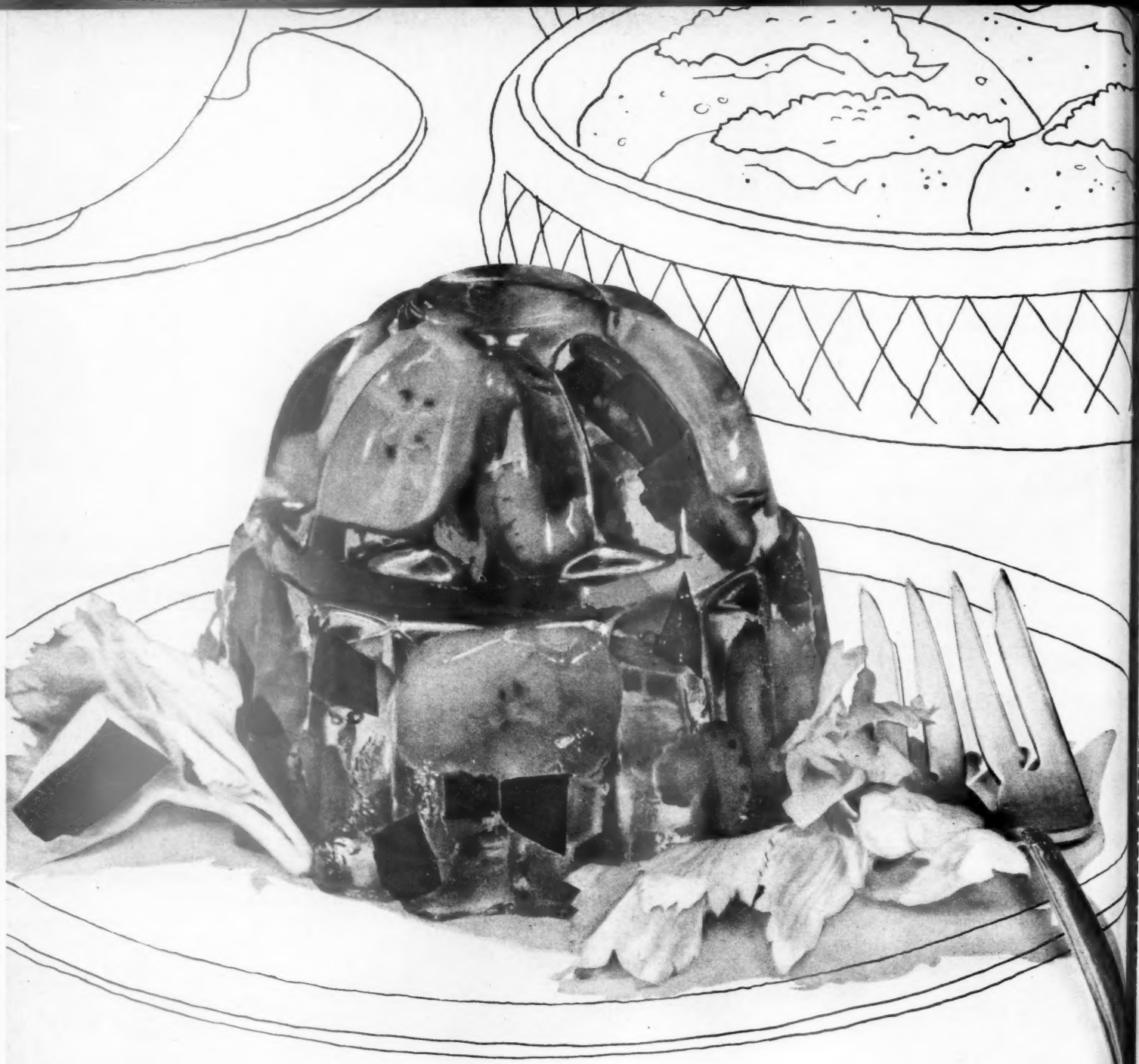

A JELL-O SALAD MAKES THE MEAL!

FRUIT 'N CELERY SALAD

It's beautiful, and it's a snap to prepare:

1 package Lime Jell-O
1 package Lemon Jell-O
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups hot water
2 cups cold water
4 teaspoons lemon juice
⅓ cup diced celery
1½ bananas, diced
½ cup diced, unpeeled apples

Dissolve Jell-O and salt in *hot* water. Add cold water and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Then fold in celery, bananas and apples. Pour into 8 individual molds or a 1½-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp greens. Serve with mayonnaise, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

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Saucy Corned-beef Patties

A tasty tomato dress-up for a favorite quickie—

- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1½ teaspoons butter or margarine
- ½ cup seasoned tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1½ teaspoons sugar

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- 1 1-pound can corned-beef hash, chilled

Cook onion in butter till tender but not brown; add all ingredients except corned-beef hash; heat thoroughly. Meanwhile remove top and bottom from can of hash; push out hash. Cut in 4 slices. Place on broiler pan; broil 2 inches from heat till lightly brown and crusty, about 8 to 10 minutes. Serve with sauce. Makes 4 servings.

Mrs. R. A. Browning, Wenonah, New Jersey

Deviled Corned-beef Buns

Good for a living-room picnic—

- 4 coney buns
- ½ cup shredded canned corned beef
- ½ cup grated process American cheese
- ⅓ cup chopped stuffed olives
- ¼ cup catsup
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon minced green pepper

Split buns and remove soft centers. Combine remaining ingredients and fill rolls. Wrap each roll in waxed paper and twist ends. Place buns in large paper bag and twist end to close. Heat in slow oven (325°) 20 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Mrs. William W. Hannaman, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Chipped-beef Fondue

It's all puffed up, but hearty, too—

- ⅓ cup rice
- 2 ounces (1 cup) dried beef, coarsely cut
- 1 8-ounce jar triple-use cheese spread
- 3 beaten egg yolks
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Cook rice in unsalted water until tender; drain. Rinse beef in hot water; drain. Combine rice, beef, cheese spread, and egg yolks. Cook and stir over heat till mixture is well blended. Cool slightly; fold in egg whites. Pour into 1½-quart casserole. Bake in slow oven (325°) 50 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve immediately. Garnish with crisp bacon curls, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Mrs. J. H. Falb, Hazel Crest, Illinois

Better Homes & Gardens **PRIZE TESTED RECIPES**

Best date cookies

(COOKIES)

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Stuffed-date Drops

- 1 pound (about 70) pitted dates
- 1 3-ounce package pecan or walnut halves
- ¼ cup shortening
- ¾ cup medium-brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1¼ cups sifted enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 recipe Golden Frosting

Stuff dates with nut halves. Cream shortening, sugar till light; beat in egg. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with sour cream to creamed mixture. Stir in dates; drop onto greased cooky sheet (a date per cooky). Bake in hot oven (400°) 8 to 10 minutes. Cool. Top with **Golden Frosting:** Lightly brown ½ cup butter or margarine; remove from heat; gradually beat in 3 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, ¾ teaspoon vanilla. Slowly add water till of spreading consistency, about 3 tablespoons. Makes 5½ dozen cookies.

Mrs. W. E. Stenstrom, Berlin, Wisconsin

Frosty Date Balls

½ cup soft butter or margarine
⅓ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon vanilla
1¼ cups sifted enriched flour
Dash salt
⅔ cup chopped pitted dates
½ cup chopped California walnuts

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Stir in water and vanilla. Add flour and salt. Mix well. Stir in dates and nuts. Roll in 1-inch balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in slow oven (300°) about 20 minutes, or till cookies are set but not brown. While warm, roll in confectioners' sugar. Makes 2½ dozen.

Mrs. Yvonne Christensen, Merced, California

Cheese-Date Fold-overs

Delightfully different flavor combination—

½ cup butter or margarine
¼ pound (1 cup) grated sharp process American cheese
1⅓ cups sifted enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons water
• • •
1 recipe Date Filling

Cream butter and cheese until light. Sift flour and salt together; blend into creamed mixture. Add water and mix well. *Chill 4 to 5 hours.* Make **Date Filling:** Combine one 6¼-ounce package (1 cup) chopped pitted dates, ½ cup brown sugar, and ¼ cup water. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, till the consistency of jam. Cool. Roll dough to ⅛ inch on well-floured surface. Cut with a 2¾-inch biscuit cutter. Place 1½ teaspoons filling on half of each circle; fold in half and seal edges with tines of fork. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in moderate oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes. Cool slightly, then remove from pan. Makes 2½ dozen.

Mrs. Joseph Kacenga, Youngstown, Ohio

Lunch-box Date Squares

For dessert, cut larger squares, top with ice cream—

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup packaged biscuit mix
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups chopped pitted dates
1 cup chopped California walnuts

Beat eggs until light; add sugar gradually, beating until thick and lemon-colored. Combine biscuit mix and salt; stir into egg mixture. Add dates and nuts. Pour into greased 9x9x2-inch pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 35 minutes. Cool slightly; cut in 2-inch squares. Makes 16.

Mrs. Fred Brown, Sylvania, Ohio

Better Homes & Gardens Prize Tested Recipes

Corned beef—dried beef

(MEATS)

American Pizza

Add a bowl of crisp salad, and fresh fruit for dessert—

1 6-ounce can (⅔ cup) tomato paste
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ teaspoon ground oregano
Dash pepper
1 package hot-roll mix
4 ounces (2 cups) dried beef, coarsely cut
½ pound (2 cups) grated process sharp American cheese
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Combine tomato paste, garlic, oregano, and pepper. Prepare roll dough according to package directions, but don't let rise. Divide dough in half. On lightly floured surface, roll each in 10-inch circle. Place on greased cooky sheet. Snip dough at 1-inch intervals around edge and press so edges stand up slightly. Spread tomato mixture on dough; sprinkle with dried beef, then with American cheese; top with Parmesan cheese. Bake in hot oven (425°) 20 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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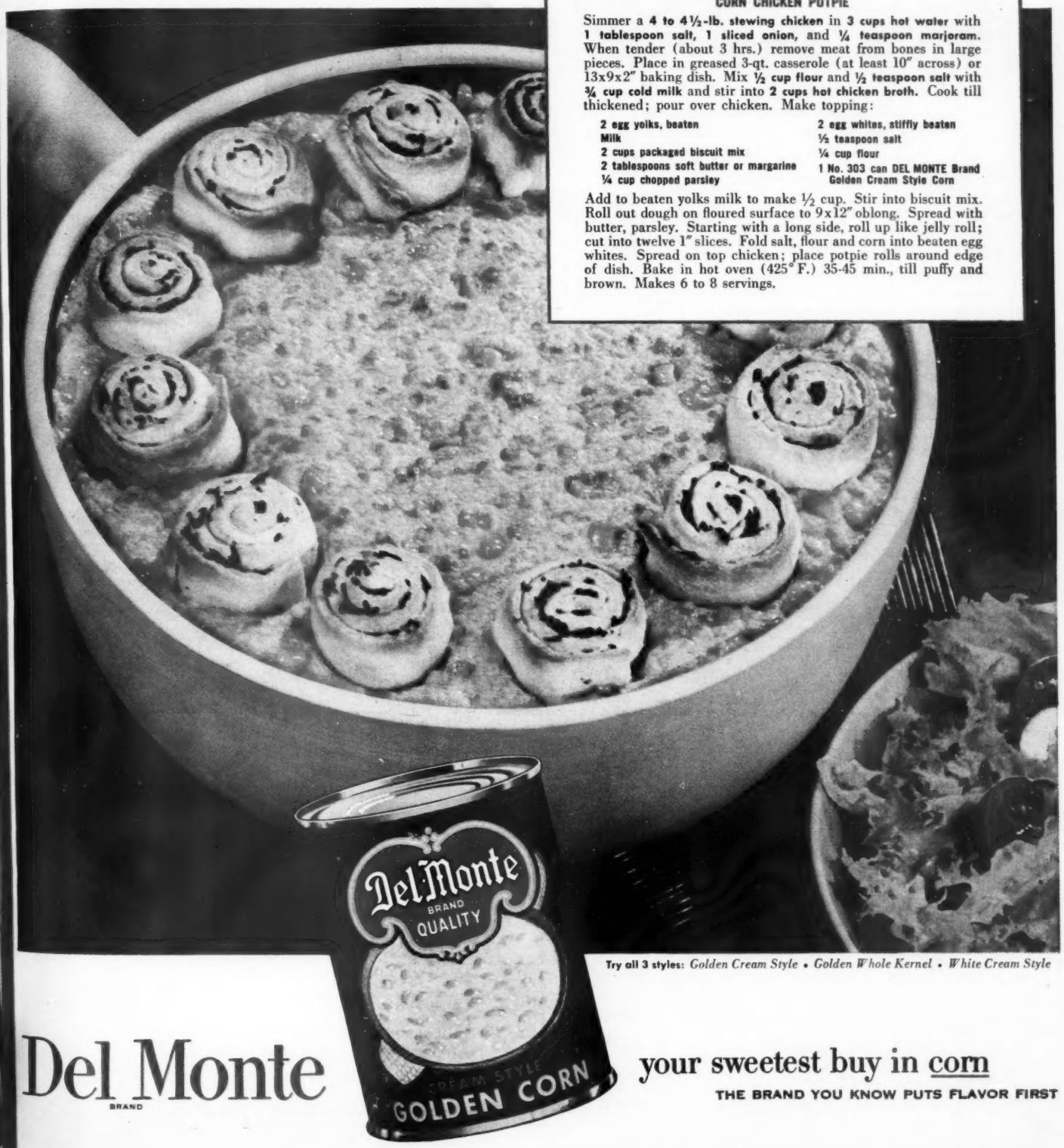
- **2 egg yolks, beaten**
- **Milk**
- **2 cups packaged biscuit mix**
- **2 tablespoons soft butter or margarine**
- **¼ cup chopped parsley**
- **2 egg whites, stiffly beaten**
- **½ teaspoon salt**
- **¼ cup flour**
- **1 No. 303 can DEL MONTE Brand Golden Cream Style Corn**

Add to beaten yolks milk to make ½ cup. Stir into biscuit mix. Roll out dough on floured surface to 9x12" oblong. Spread with butter, parsley. Starting with a long side, roll up like jelly roll; cut into twelve 1" slices. Fold salt, flour and corn into beaten egg whites. Spread on top chicken; place potpie rolls around edge of dish. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 35-45 min., till puffy and brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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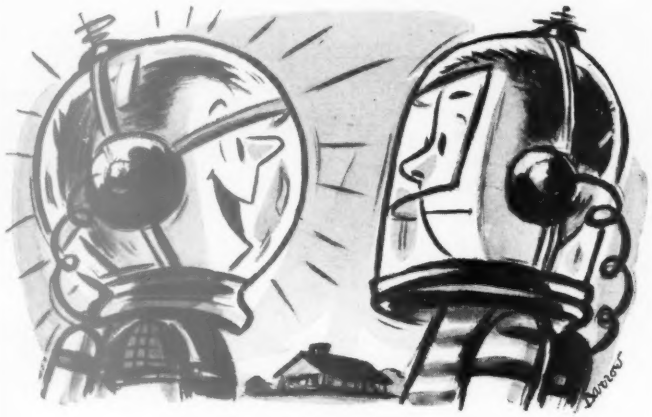

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Winter salads fresh as spring

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How to fix Party Grapefruit Baskets

1 Cut grapefruit in half. With a sharp knife, cut around each section, close to membrane; remove sections. Snip out the membrane with scissors

2 For handles: Leaving 1 inch attached in center of opposite sides, cut around rim of grapefruit, about ⅓ inch down, to make two strips

3 To form handles on basket, lift up strips cut from either side of grapefruit half. Tie together in the center with a colored or white bow atop

4 Fill grapefruit basket with a fruit salad including the sections you've removed to make shell. Top with a scoop of lemon or orange sherbet

Celery-seed Dressing

A just-right tang with fruit salads—

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1½ teaspoons enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, fresh, frozen, or canned
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 tablespoon onion juice
- 1 tablespoon celery seed

Sift together sugar, paprika, flour, and mustard. Add vinegar. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, till slightly thick. Add lemon juice; cool to room temperature. Add salad oil in a slow stream, beating with rotary beater or electric mixer. Beat in onion juice. Add celery seed. Makes about 1½ cups. **Tasting-Test Kitchen Note:** The oil will separate on standing. Stir before using.

Pineapple Cart-wheel Salad

A salad the ladies will like—

- 1 3-ounce package cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons light cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped mixed candied fruits and peels
- 6 chilled pineapple slices, drained
- Endive
- 6 cooked prunes, chilled and drained

Blend cream cheese and cream till smooth. Stir in candied fruits and peels. Spread on 3 slices of pineapple; top with remaining slices; cut each "sandwich" in half. For each serving, arrange 2 halves on endive; trim edge of cheese with candied fruits and peels, if desired. Place 2 prunes on each plate. Makes 3 servings.

Cranberry-Cream Dressing

A pretty pink topper for your winter fruit salads—

- 1 cup canned jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Add cranberry sauce to mayonnaise and blend well. Fold in whipped cream. Makes 2½ cups.

Fruit Fluff Salad

Rich and luscious enough for a combined salad-dessert—

- 1 3-ounce package lemon-flavored gelatin
- ½ cup hot water
- ½ cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup orange segments, membrane removed
- ¼ cup drained pineapple tidbits
- ¼ cup grape halves
- 2 tablespoons quartered maraschino cherries
- 2 tablespoons chopped nuts
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

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Guests for breakfast was a custom at Colonel Higbee's plantation. Everyone, it seemed, wanted to taste Aunt Jemima's pancakes—pancakes with a lightness and flavor no other cook could ever achieve.

Aunt Jemima Legend

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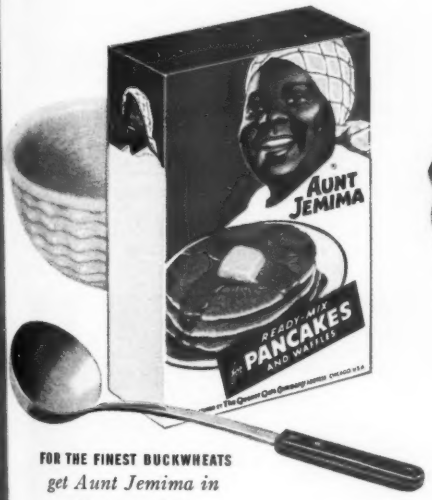

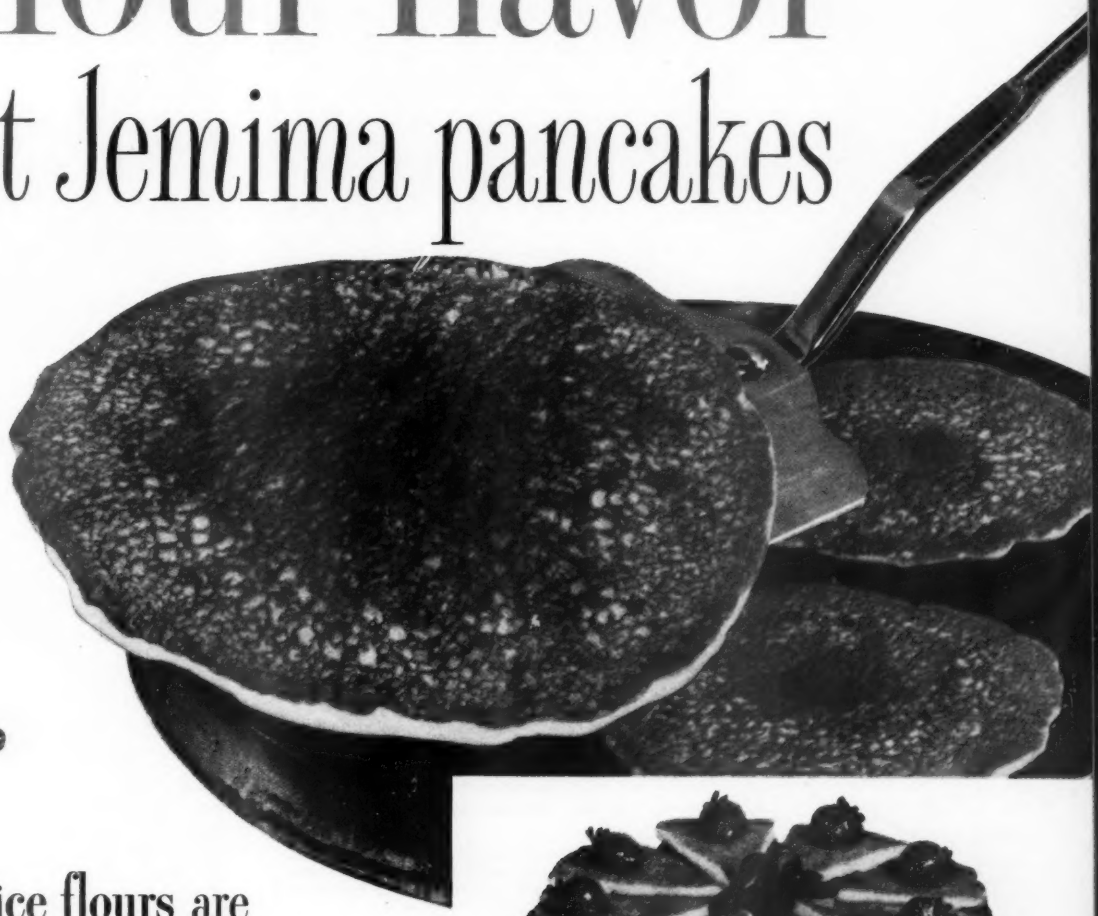

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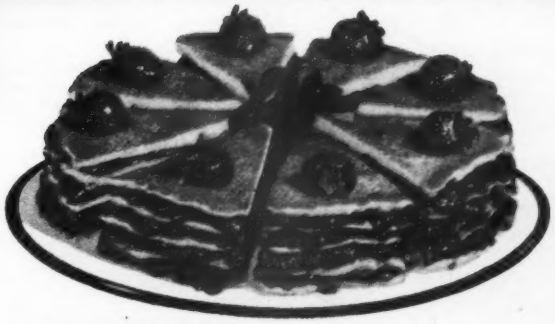

AUNT JEMIMA PANCAKE STACK. Make large (9-inch) Aunt Jemima Pancakes from Deluxe recipe on package, using ¾ cup batter for each. Keep first pancakes hot in oven while baking others. Stack pancakes with strawberry jam between each. Cut into wedges and serve garnished with fresh strawberries and mint.

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Toasted Coconut Bars make a sweet, crunchy accompaniment for a fruit salad bowl. Or serve a plate of these cookylike sticks to the kiddies when they come home from school. They're ready in no time and are so easy that a child could make them. Vary flavor with finely chopped nuts or dash of grated orange peel

bread sticks

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Crusty Cheese Sticks. Long, thin, toasted strips of sandwich bread take on a delightful flavor when they're brushed with melted butter or margarine, then sprinkled generously with grated Parmesan cheese. Try them with spaghetti and meat balls

Slim-jim Bread Sticks

Prepare 1 package hot-roll mix according to package directions. When time to shape, place dough on lightly floured surface. Turn several times. Cut off piece slightly smaller than golf ball. Roll with your hands on surface to get 10- to 12-inch stick, pencil thin. If ends of stick look knobby, cut off to make smooth stick. Place on greased cooky sheet. Brush with mixture of 1 slightly beaten egg white and 1 tablespoon water. Let rise uncovered about 20 minutes. Brush rolls again with egg-white mixture. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake in very hot oven (450°) about 12 minutes. Makes about 2½ dozen.

Bacon Twists

2 cups packaged biscuit mix
8 strips bacon, cooked, drained, and crumbled
1 tablespoon grated onion
½ to ⅔ cup milk
Bacon drippings

Combine biscuit mix, bacon, and onion; add milk. Mix just till dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on surface lightly floured with biscuit mix. Knead ½ minute. Pat or roll out in an 8x10-inch rectangle ¼ inch thick. Cut rectangle in half lengthwise, then in ½-inch strips. Roll each strip gently with palms of hands to form a pencil-like strip. Take 2 strips and twist together in two or three ropelike twists. Place on ungreased cooky sheet. Brush with bacon drippings. Bake in very hot oven (450°) about 10 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 20.

Golden Corn Stix

⅓ cup sifted enriched flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1⅓ cups yellow corn meal
1 beaten egg
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons salad oil or melted shortening

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, soda, and salt; stir in corn meal. Combine egg, sour cream, and salad oil. Add to dry ingredients; stir till just blended. Preheat cornstick pans, then grease generously. Fill pans ⅔ full; bake in hot oven (400°) about 25 minutes. Makes 10 to 12 sticks.

Cheese-pastry Snacks

½ cup shortening
1 cup grated sharp process American cheese
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup sifted enriched flour
¾ teaspoon salt

Cream shortening; add cheeses and

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5'4"	116-125	124-132	131-142	5'8"	136-147	145-156	153-166
5'5"	119-128	127-135	133-145	5'9"	140-151	149-160	157-170
5'6"	123-132	130-140	138-150	5'10"	144-155	153-164	161-175
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Serve hearty meats on chilly days

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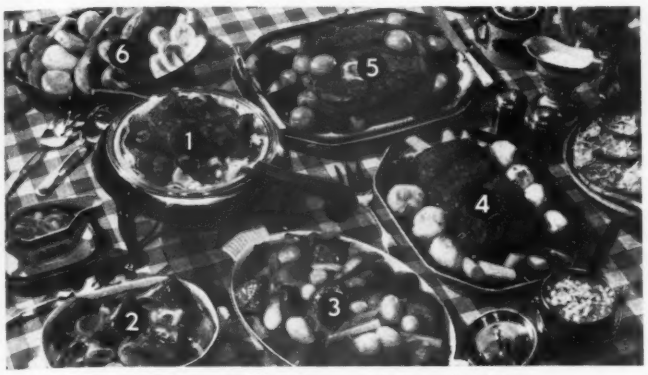

1 Veal Roll-ups With Olive Sauce
2 Braised Short Ribs With Onion Gravy
3 Oven Beef Stew
4 Best Meat Loaf
5 Fruited Pot Roast
6 Braised Pork Dinner

potatoes, carrots and celery bubble gently in a tomato sauce. For dessert, stir up a gingerbread or fill some apples with plump raisins and brown sugar to share the oven with the stew.

Best Meat Loaf (4) is tasty and pretty enough for company. Before baking, you mark it on the bias with knife handle or wooden spoon; then shortly before loaf comes from the oven, fill the grooves with chili sauce. Border the serving platter with butter-roasted potatoes, and carrots that baked in a casserole.

If you're looking for a new way to fix an old favorite, try **Fruited Pot Roast (5).** The beef cooks tender in spiced apple cider, is crowned with apricots and fat prunes. Flavor combination's wonderful!

Braised Pork Dinner (6) brings together popular partners—potatoes, onions, tart apples bake atop fresh pork steaks. There's a meal folks are glad to come home to!

Most of these main dishes include meat and vegetables (the good recipes are below). Just add a crisp salad, perhaps coleslaw, as you see to the right in the picture. For zingo, call on Confetti Corn Relish (in the copper bucket). All you do is combine canned whole kernel corn, chopped onion, celery, and pimiento; add French dressing. Let flavors mellow a few hours. Now your relish is ready to add color, tartness, crunch to winter meals.

Veal Roll-ups With Olive Sauce

Mighty good eating! The stuffing and sauce are seasoned with a chef's flair—

1½ pounds veal cutlets
2 slices bacon
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon chopped parsley (optional)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 small clove garlic, minced
Dash ground oregano
3 tablespoons butter or margarine

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1 8- or 9-ounce package broad noodles

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2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons enriched flour
2 beef bouillon cubes
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 bay leaf
⅓ cup sliced stuffed olives
2 tablespoons cooking sherry

Flatten the veal cutlets with meat pounder. Trim off edges to make 8 rectangles, about 5x7 inches. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Finely dice the trimmings (½ to 1 cup) and bacon; brown slightly; add onions and cook till tender. Add bread crumbs, parsley, lemon juice, garlic, and oregano. Spread stuffing on cutlets; roll up, fasten with toothpicks, and dredge in flour. Slowly brown on all sides in 3 tablespoons butter; continue cooking till meat is done, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook noodles till tender in boiling salted water, and make **Olive Sauce:** Melt 2 tablespoons butter; blend in flour. Dissolve bouillon cubes in 1½ cups hot water; slowly stir into flour mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till thick. Add tomato paste and bay leaf; simmer 5 minutes. Re-

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move bay leaf. Add olives and cooking sherry. Season to taste. Serve meat and sauce over hot, drained noodles. Makes 4 servings.

Braised Short Ribs With Onion Gravy

Can't beat this for rich flavor—

3 pounds short ribs
Salt and pepper
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4 cups sliced onions
3 tablespoons enriched flour
2 teaspoons kitchen bouquet
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper

Slowly brown short ribs in skillet without added fat; season with 2 teaspoons salt and dash pepper. Place meat in 2-quart casserole. (Reserve fat in skillet for gravy.) Add ½ cup hot water to meat; cover tightly and bake in slow oven (300°) 2 hours, or till tender (add more water as necessary during cooking). Cook onions in 3 tablespoons reserved fat till tender but not brown. Push onions to one side, stir in flour. Measure liquid from meat and add hot water to make 2 cups. Gradually stir in the liquid; add kitchen bouquet and Worcestershire. Cook, stirring constantly, over low heat till thick. Season to taste. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Serve gravy over short ribs. Makes 6 servings.

Best Meat Loaf

Extra delicious and crusty because the loaf is a real roast—it bakes on a shallow pan—

¾ cup dry bread crumbs
½ cup milk
1½ pounds ground beef
½ pound ground pork
2 beaten eggs
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1½ teaspoons salt
¾ teaspoon sage
¼ teaspoon pepper
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Chili sauce

Soak crumbs in milk; add remaining ingredients except chili sauce; mix well. Pack into 8½x4½x2½-inch loaf pan to shape. Invert on shallow baking pan. Score loaf diagonally with handle of wooden spoon. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour; fill scored marks on top with chili sauce; bake 15 minutes longer. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Fruited Pot Roast

It has a surprise flavor. The apricots, prunes, and spicy cider take the credit—

12 dried prunes
12 dried apricots
• • •
3½ to 4 pounds arm pot roast
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1½ cups sliced onions
1 cup apple cider
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ginger
3 whole cloves

Cover prunes and apricots with water and soak several hours. Heat suet from meat in heavy skillet or Dutch oven. Dredge meat in flour; brown well on all sides in the hot fat. Season with salt and pepper. Add onions. Combine cider, sugar, and spices; pour half over meat. Cover and simmer 1 hour; add remaining liquid and cook 1 to 1½ hours longer, or till meat is tender. Drain prunes and apricots and place on roast for last 30 minutes of cooking. Thicken gravy, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Oven Beef Stew

Dad will go for this one. And so will you—just make the whole dinner an easy oven meal—

3 tablespoons enriched flour
1½ teaspoons salt
Dash pepper
2 pounds beef-stew meat, cut in 1- or 2-inch cubes
3 tablespoons fat
• • •
12 small whole onions
3 or 4 stalks celery, cut in 2-inch slices
4 medium carrots, cut in quarters lengthwise
6 small whole potatoes
1 can condensed tomato soup
1¾ cups water
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
2 whole cloves
1 small bay leaf
• • •
¾ cup drained canned or cooked peas

Combine the flour, 1½ teaspoons salt, and dash pepper; dredge meat in this mixture. Brown in hot fat. Place meat in a 3-quart casserole. Add vegetables. Heat soup, water, and seasonings. Pour over vegetables and meat. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°) for 1 hour and 45 minutes, or till meat is tender and potatoes nearly tender. Add peas. Cover and continue baking 15 minutes longer. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Braised Pork Dinner

Good friends get together—fresh pork, apples, onion, potatoes—

3 slices fresh pork shoulder, cut 1 inch thick
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 medium pared potatoes, cut in ¾-inch slices
3 medium unpared apples, cored and halved
3 medium onions, cut in ½-inch slices

Brown meat on both sides in small amount of fat. Season with salt and pepper. Place in shallow baking dish. Top one slice with potato, one with apple, and one with onion. Season potatoes and onions. Add ½ cup water. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour. Uncover and continue cooking 10 to 25 minutes, or till tender. Makes 6 servings.

Confetti Corn Relish

Fresh-tasting, and bright. Fix relish just before you put the meat on—

1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) whole kernel corn, drained
⅔ cup chopped celery
2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons diced green pepper
1 tablespoon diced pimiento
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup French dressing
1 tablespoon vinegar

Combine all ingredients; cover and chill several hours. Makes 2 cups.

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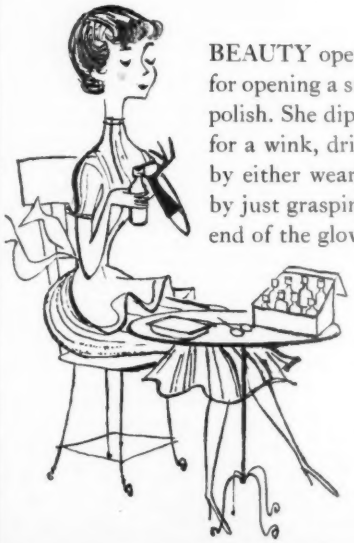

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Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add fruit juices and salt. Cool. Add gradually to mayonnaise. Chill until partially set. Whip with rotary or electric beater until very fluffy and light. Fold in fruits, nuts, and whipped cream. Pour into 1-quart mold. Chill till firm. Unmold on serving plate. If desired, garnish top with orange segments and tiny lettuce leaves and circle with Sugar-frosted Grapes. Makes 8 servings.

For Sugar-frosted Grapes: Dip small bunches of grapes in fruit juice; drain, and dip in sugar. Place on paper towels to dry.

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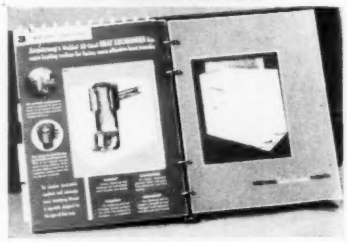

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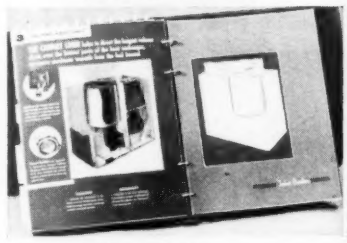

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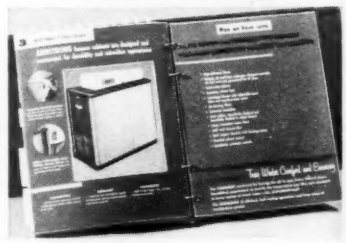

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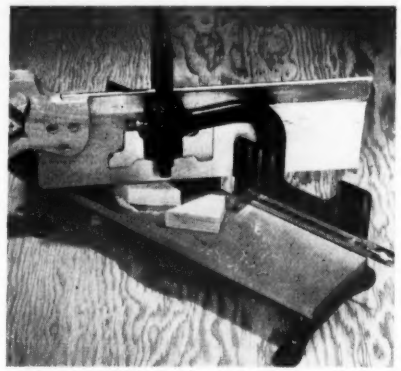
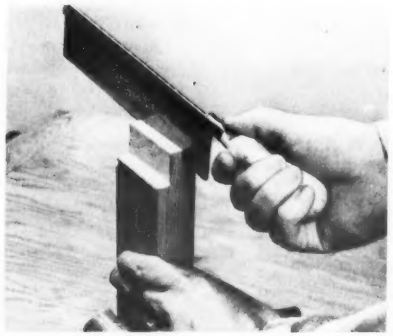
Coping saw is curve cutter. Or use it for some inside cuts by drilling starter hole first. Then remove tiny blade, insert it in hole, and reassemble. Pins (arrow) adjust blade



Miter box is used with backsaw, designed for accurate cutting with or across grain. Frame of this miter unit adjusts to almost any angle. Saw's stiff back is tops for straight cuts



Cabinet saw—sometimes called dovetail saw—is smaller version of backsaw with different handle. Use it to cut tenons, dadoes, rabbets, and where very fine work is needed

Hacksaw bites through metal without damage to rugged teeth. Standard models are adjustable to several lengths of blades. Buy them with fine or coarse teeth, depending on job

(Hand tools)

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Handsaws for handymen

Nearly every job a handyman tackles requires a handsaw. That makes it important to know how to choose, use, and care for saws.

A crosscut and ripsaw are probably the most necessary for general, all-around use. But there are many, many more different kinds you'll want to add to your hand-tool equipment—even if you have a power saw.

Things to remember about saws are: Buy good ones . . . keep them sharp and free from rust—and they'll serve you well.

Hold saws correctly, and you'll get smooth and accurate cuts

Photographs: Stanley

Start saw by using knuckle of thumb to guide blade. Pull saw toward you, cutting slot for downward stroke. Use knuckle for next few strokes—until the saw is started

Saw stroke should rock slightly, following normal arc as arm swings from shoulder. Thus, at end of stroke, saw teeth follow cut along line on board. Weight of saw cuts for you

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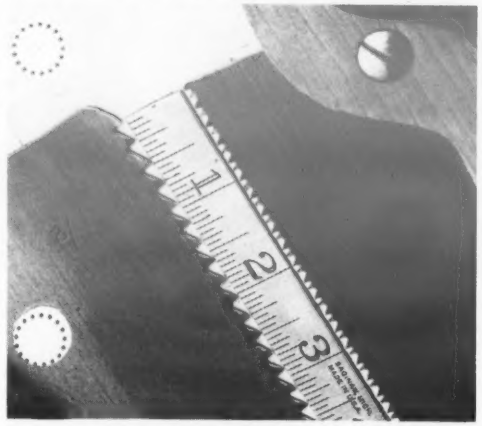
Handsaws for handymen *continued*

Keep arm in line with saw blade (above). Movement of arm must be a smooth sweep, straight with path of saw, for clean cut and to prevent the saw from binding or wandering

Steady yourself and lumber you're sawing by locking foot behind knee (above right). Swiveling, rocking, or side motion causes saw to bind or whip at end, producing a ragged cut

Knee substitutes for sawhorses (right). Let edge of stock rest above knee cap. Grip other edge with free hand. Use heel of hand for down stroke and fingers to bring saw back

Use scrap lumber to control saw blade



Comparison shows the difference between rip- and crosscut saws. Crosscut's teeth (right) are filed to give sliding cut across wood fibers. Ripsaw's chisellike teeth plow with the grain

Thin cuts off ends of boards are easy to do when scrap stock controls saw. Clamp it to piece you'll trim. Cut in scrap acts as a guide for the saw for less than saw-kerf cuts (arrow)

Cut miters on large stock with a crosscut saw

Knuckles raise and lower saw to angle you want when cutting miters on lumber too big for miter box. Pencil angle on stock. Then cut shallow saw kerf on lines for saw guide

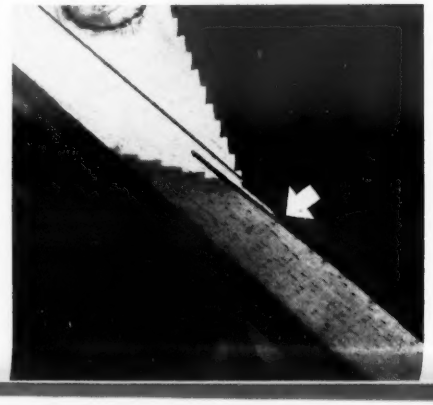
Wax helps prevent rust from forming on saw blades . . . usually caused by salty perspiration from hands. To prevent dulling, hang saws away when you're done with them

Check your work often to make sure it's square

Saw won't bind when ripping long boards (left) if saw kerf is kept open with spike or wooden wedge. Move it toward you as you go. Clamp across kerf at end of board stops whip

Square cuts are easy to make (lower left) if you check the saw blade at intervals with a try square. Place blade of square against saw, letting body of it follow along the cut-off line

If saw wanders off line (below), bring it back to the spot (arrow) where it veered, and start again. This is easier than twisting saw back to line, then planing edge after cut is made



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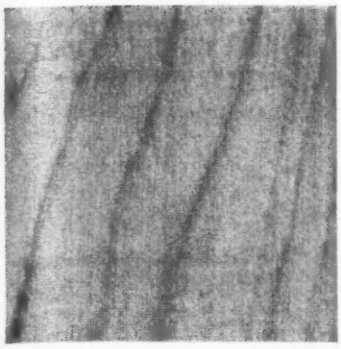

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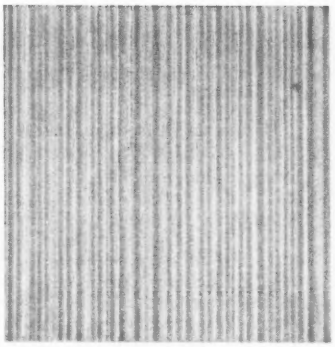

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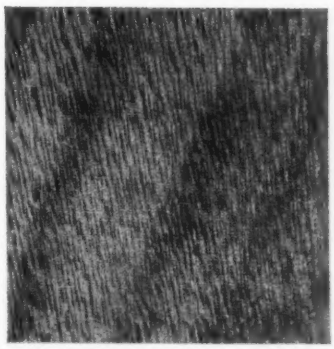

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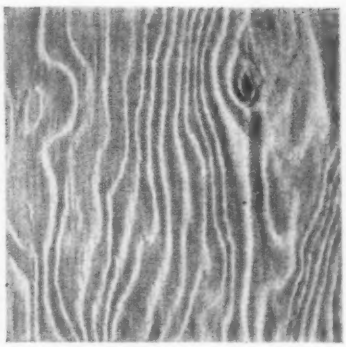

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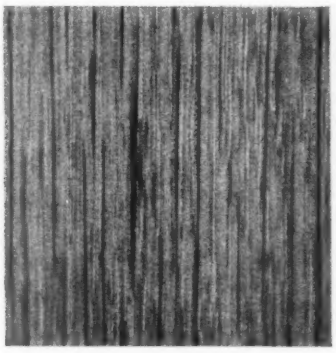

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you need never worry about being stranded. An extra can of gas should be carried if you plan extensive side trips.

By the time you reach the outskirts of Nogales, Sonora, a 3-minute drive, "typical" Mexico is all about you.

Most of the small towns along the way will have a *cantina* where you can purchase bottled beverages. Among the more interesting *pueblos* on the first day's journey are Santa Rosalia, Santa Ana, and Magdalena, the latter a colonial town of 4,249 inhabitants that has a fair-size American colony.

After dusty desert towns, Hermosillo, Sonora's contrasting state capital, comes as a surprise. Magnificent old cathedrals crowd in on modern state buildings. A swank country club points to the encroachment of western civilization, while nearby the ancient market place symbolizes Sonorans' defiance at this bid to modernize. Hermosillo, 176 miles from the border, is becoming a popular weekend vacation spot.

You will discover that from 1 to 3 p.m. (depending on the town), very little can be accomplished since most businesses close for a daily siesta. A family of four should not expect to pay more than 20 pesos ($2.33) for a comfortable room with bath. Plush overnight sleeping quarters are also available. Several modern highway motels have recently been erected. Prices range from $2 single to $3.50 and up double.

Accommodations reasonable

It is safe to say that in any city along this route, you should be able to find adequate sleeping accommodations at a maximum of $3 a night. Of course, you can pay more. Usually, it will never be necessary to pay more than 5 pesos (60 cents) for a meal, less for the children. You can supplement restaurant meals with fresh fruit from the markets, but never eat fruits you can't peel. Drink only boiled or bottled purified water or bottled beverages.

The price of gasoline is fairly constant, about 20 cents for a good grade. Approximately $35, including an oil change and lubrication job in Mexico City, will pay all transportation costs, not including auto repairs or extras.

After a day in Hermosillo, you will be ready to move on to Guaymas, 260 miles from Nogales on the Gulf of California. Guaymas is becoming a favorite play spot of American tourists.

For families with trailers, two large beach courts offer parking, electricity, and bathhouse facilities for $1 a day. Citrus fruits can be purchased from nearby orchards, while fresh vegetables, eggs, and chickens are also available from the farmers or in the market place. With fresh seafood always at hand, a family of four can live abundantly for $100 a month. Accommodations can be found at several hotels in Guaymas.

Highway skirts the desert

The highway skirts the Yaqui Desert, which stretches from the gulf to the foothills of the Bacatete Mountains, 30 miles to the east. Eighty miles from Guaymas, you enter the amazing boom town of Ciudad Obregon, once a quiet little Indian village named Cajeme after a Yaqui chieftain. But an irrigation project on the Mayo, Yaqui, and El Fuerte rivers turned the desert into fertile farmland.

This latent agricultural prosperity has also extended 42 miles to the south to the city of Navojoa, center of leather crafts and weaving arts.

The Spanish colonial town of Alamos is 33 miles to the east over a gravel road, but it is well worth the trip. At the time of the Spanish conquest, it was the center of a fabulous silver-mining industry. During the Eighteenth Century, it had a population of 25,000 and was the capital of two great states, including our own Arizona. Now it has fewer than 3,000 inhabitants, and its mines have long been closed.

But the Mexican government has taken steps to preserve this little corner of old Spain. Alamos has been named a national shrine.

Alamos is friendly

Alamos is definitely primitive by our standards—with few sanitary facilities and water only two hours each day—but it has a quality of genuine friendship. And it has adequate accommodations.

From Alamos, an enjoyable excursion can be made to Agua Caliente, which means hot water. The trip is rough, but accessible by auto, although it takes more than an hour for the 17-mile drive. Hire an Indian boy in the plaza as a guide. For two pesos (24 cents), he will make your trip more enjoyable and assure you of getting there and back. He will guide you to a tropical paradise high on the banks of the Mayo River. Hot water bubbles from the ground and runs down the rocks in tiny rivulets which join together. The Indians frequent Agua Caliente to take baths.

Retrace your route to Navojoa and turn south on Mexico 15. A 1½-hour drive puts you in the state of Sinaloa. A half hour more, and you are in the city of Los Mochis, important for its sugarcane industry. It is one of the richest agricultural areas in the entire republic. Winter-garden produce from Sinaloa has been shipped to the United States for years to bolster our off-season output. Don't miss the market place here with its typical native charm.

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village of Topolobampo, a "lost" community, is interesting. It is a 12-mile drive, but a long 12 miles considering the condition of the road. For the last half mile, you climb the graveled ledge of a steep hill which you descend on the opposite side into town, a fishing village built on sidehills and rocky cliffs that form walls of a harbor.

Newest section of highway

The 144 miles from Los Mochis south to Culiacan is the connecting link and last completed section of the highway, begun at both ends and worked toward the middle.

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As you start for the seaport city of Mazatlan, you will be aware of a gradual change in climate, scenery, and terrain. You are 130 miles north of the Tropic of Cancer, but already the vegetation is greener and thicker.

Built on a rocky peninsula which juts into the Pacific, Mazatlan is the mecca for big-game fishermen in Mexico.

See Mazatlan in an aranas

A trip to Mazatlan is not complete without a ride in the quaint *aranas*, two-wheeled horse-drawn cab, which will take you on a sight-seeing tour of the city for just a few pesos. A family of four will be able to find good accommodations in Mazatlan for 30 pesos ($3.50) and up.

A 4-hour drive from Mazatlan will give you your first look at the tropics and introduce you to the fishing village of San Blas. About 164 miles beyond Mazatlan is the junction with Mayarit State Highway 46, which branches west. The road climbs 1,000 feet before dropping down through a tropical wonderland of date-palm forests. The all-paved route provides a scenic 23-mile drive from Highway 15 to the sleepy, thatched-hut village.

San Blas—banana port, fishing village, unsophisticated resort town—is one of the best finds in all Mexico. Relatively few tourists have discovered the magic beauty of this Tahitian-like village.

Headed east, you start into the mountain and high plateau region, typical of inland Mexico. By the time you reach Tepic, 23 miles from the junction of highways 15 and 46, you have climbed to 3,000 feet. This quaint city is the capital of the state of Mayarit, but you will probably spend only a little time here in order to reach Guadalajara by nightfall.

Take time, however, to examine the volcanic lava flow near Tetitlan, 50 miles beyond Tepic. The road has been cut through volcanic rock, exposing a great field of obsidian—a hard, black, semiprecious stone used for ring and ornament settings. Excellent specimens may be found by the side of the road. Also worthy of a brief stop is the town of Tequila, home of the famous Mexican drink by the same name.

Mexico's second-largest city

Guadalajara is Mexico's second-largest city—population 500,000. Of special interest are the age-old arts of potterymaking and glass blowing. At the world-famous blue-glass factory, you can see molten glass blown into prized dishes, vases, and bowls in solid blue, green, amber, or amethyst. Don't miss Tlaquepaque, a 20-minute bus ride into the suburbs. It is the traditional home of the *mariachas*, Mexico's famed strolling singers.

Of special interest is *La Baranca*, a miniature Grand Canyon with a 1,600-foot gorge. It is only 6 miles from Guadalajara. Other sights include many cathedrals—one nearly 400 years old—in this "city of churches," and inspiring murals by Mexico's great artists. Many of the finest paintings are located in public buildings and at Guadalajara University.

A 3-hour drive from Guadalajara will put you in one of the most colorful and exciting regions to be found in Mexico, the land of the Tarascan Indians. These once mighty warriors ruled a vast empire. Later, they were defeated by the Spanish conquistadors under Cortez. They were driven from their homes around Lake Patzcuaro into the Sierra Highlands.

Paved highways now reach many of these mountain villages where the natives remain unfriendly and aloof. Unyielding in their culture, they speak only their Indian dialects. Almost the whole of the mountain state of Michoacan is a veritable Tarascan kingdom. Side trips in this area should be planned carefully, as satisfactory accommodations are not available at most of the villages. Two of the more popular trips are to Uruapan and Patzcuaro. Both have good hotels.

A 47-mile climb

To reach Uruapan, you leave Highway 15 at Carapan, approximately 170 miles from Guadalajara, and begin a 47-mile climb into the heart of the Tarascan empire. On all sides are large and small mountains, most of them of volcanic origin, as their craters indicate. The largest of these is extinct Taretzuruan.

Uruapan became a popular tourist destination as a base of operations to the famous Paricutin volcano. The now silent "monster," which rose from a cornfield in 1943 to obliterate two towns, no longer draws the steady stream of sightseers. The only remains of the once teeming community of Paricutin is a church steeple. The trip should not be attempted without a guide.

Perhaps the most colorful of all Tarascan cities is Patzcuaro, on the shores of the lake of the same name. In the melodious language of the Indians, this word means "place of delights." On Friday, market day, are re-enacted the customs and traditions of 1,000 years' duration. Natives converge in the old central plaza. Mountain Indians bring wood to trade for fish and garden produce of island fishermen and lakeshore farmers.

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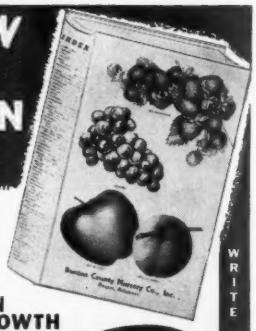

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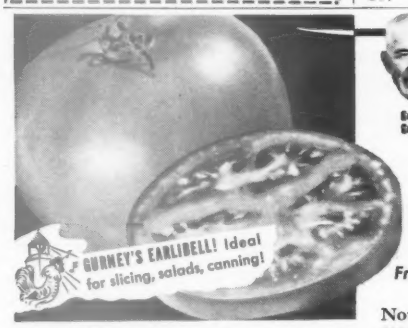

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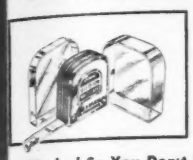

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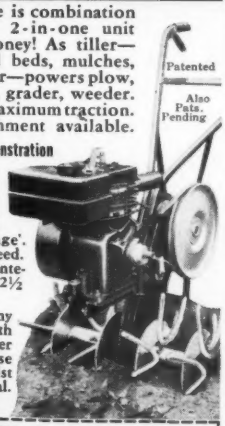

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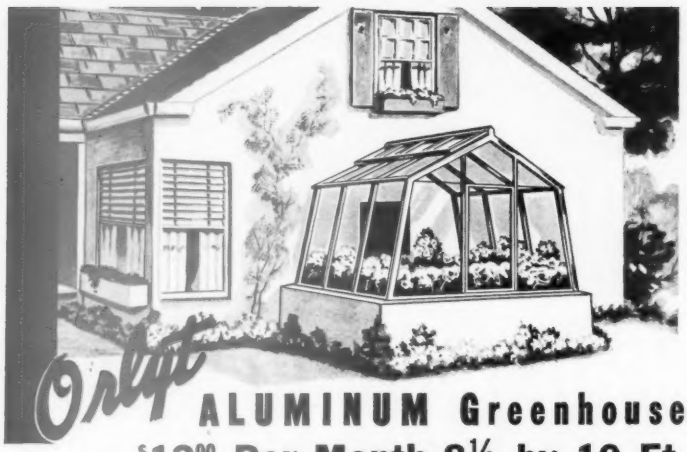

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while Devon, 3, and Vern, 6, take over the family room. In the latter space, the music center is located. And the children are free to roughhouse. The floor is of rubber tile, and most of the furniture is built in. The family room is used for dining when guests arrive, but the dining table folds out of the way to free floor space for play.

The sleeping wing is as detached from the living area as if it were on a second floor. A single door closes the bedrooms from the rest of the house.

The kitchen, service area, and [Turn to page 96

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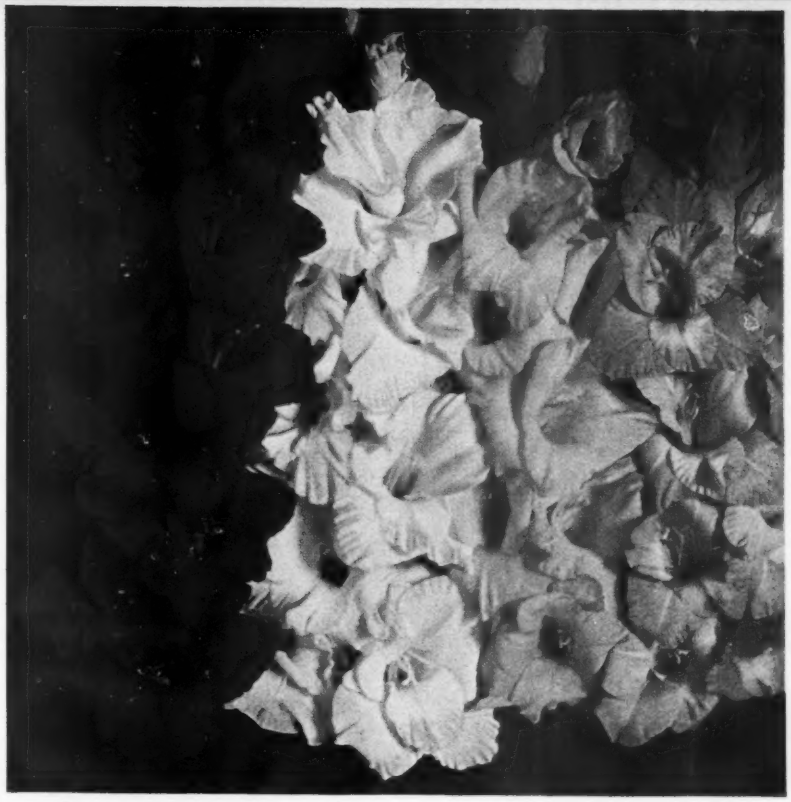

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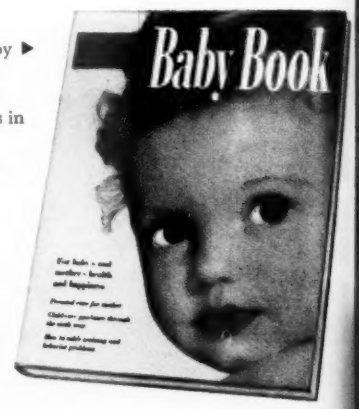

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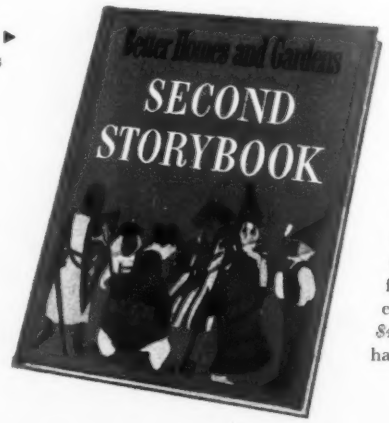

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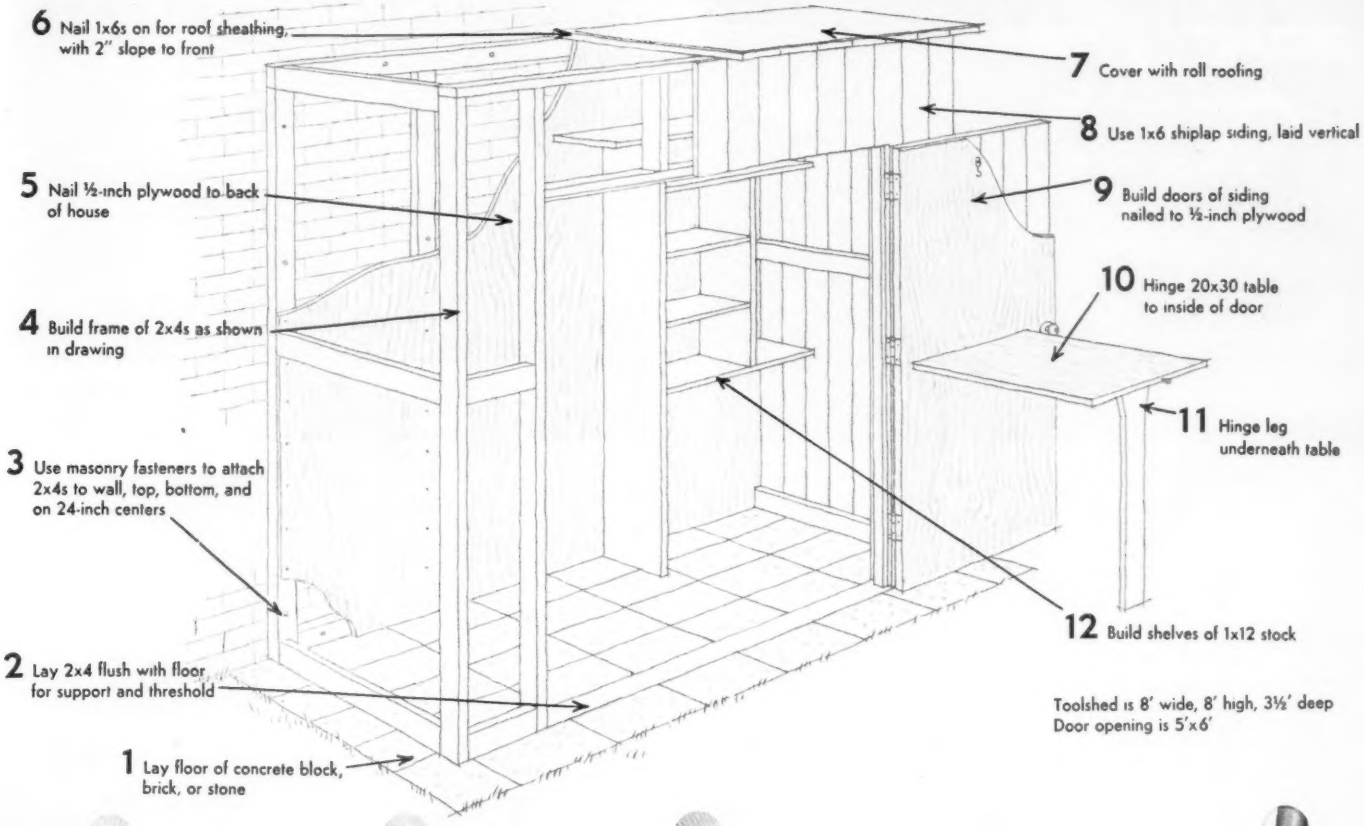

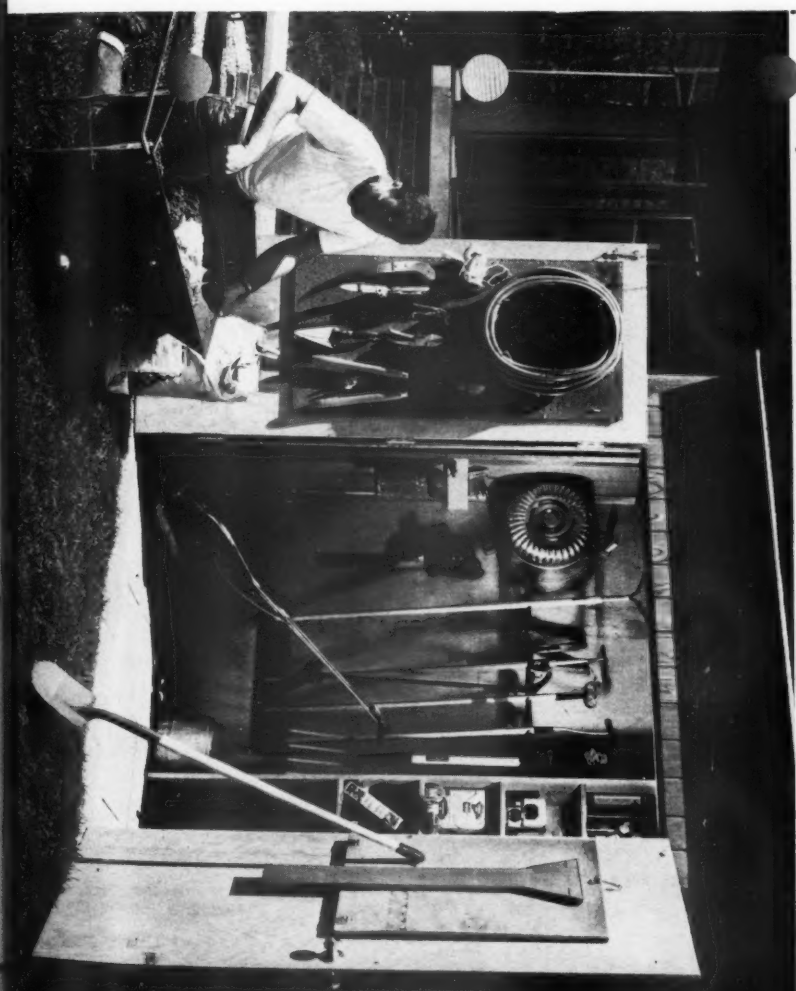

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Fit shed into surroundings, but keep it near garden area

This toolshed is attached to the back wall of a house. But it could have been built against a garage, in a fence line, or to stand by itself. Along one side of your terrace or patio, it could double as screen and windshield as well as storage space.

Use any material you want for shed covering. Stained wood here goes well with the brick. Other choices available include outdoor plywood, masonry, or any of several composition materials.

The shed's large doors are high enough to admit a tall man, wide enough for wheeled equipment to roll inside. The overhang of 6 inches minimizes seepage from the roof, which pitches slightly forward for drainage.

To make every inch of space count, plan before building

If there's any trick to good storage, it's in using all your shelf, wall, and floor space to the best advantage. Here, the door holds a hinged table which swings down to sturdy, waist-high position for jobs like potting or tool repair. When not in use, it's up out of the way, fastened with a hook and eye.

Each shelf has its own job. Large area at bottom is for bulky items like sacks of fertilizer. Leave plenty of space down low for things too heavy to lift. Section at right could hold sprayer or duster. Lots of shelf space lets you arrange things by use, makes finding them easier.

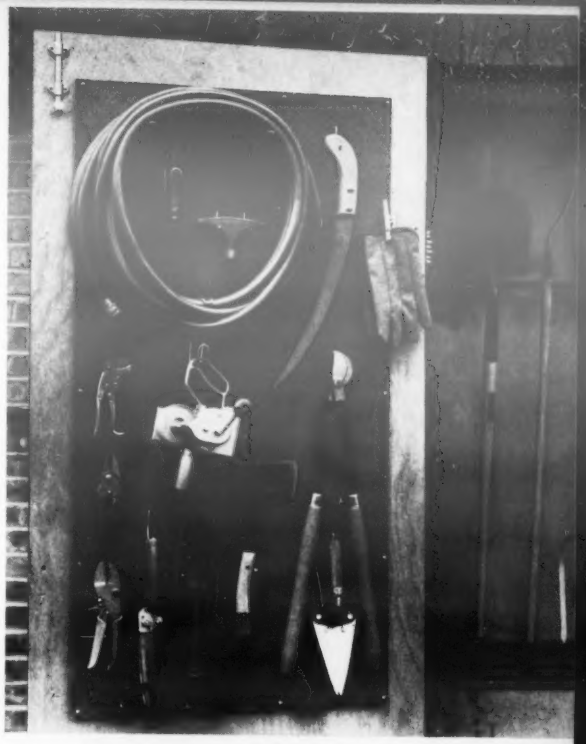
Doors swing way back to give shed plenty of light and air, also room to roll in wheeled equipment. Before building, be sure you measure your mower and other large tools, and plan a place for each.

Door provides space for a neat display of hand tools

Adaptable punched board turns other door into storage space for easy-to-lose small tools. It's commercially available in sizes to fit any door. Be sure to ask for paper spacer tubes which fit behind each screw, hold board out from mounting surface to allow space for hooks. Experiment with many hooks available, see which holds each tool best.

New plastic hose at top is light enough to hang up and out of the way. But it's easy to take down or put back on hooks. Different hose nozzles hang right inside coil.

Note sliding bolt at top which holds doors closed. This does away with center post, giving more room, easier in-and-out movement.



Big tools are right within reach, but poisons are not

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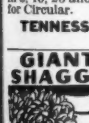

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We are going on a vacation and would like to take our parakeet along. Our veterinarian advises us that some states bar entry of these birds. Can you advise us if this is true, or what states have such laws?—Mrs. D. H. K., Pennsylvania.

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My little canary had a cold. Then, one day he gasped for breath and died very suddenly. What could have happened?—Mrs. G. S. S., Georgia.

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1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. dry mustard
1½ cups milk
1 cup grated American cheese
4 frankfurters
2 tbsps. diced pimiento
2 cups cooked rice
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
2 tbsps. melted butter or margarine

Cut olives in large pieces. Melt butter and blend in flour, salt and mustard. Gradually blend in milk; cook and stir until mixture boils and is thickened. Add the cheese, frankfurters (whole or sliced), olives, pimiento and rice, mixing lightly. Turn into shallow baking dish. Mix crumbs and butter, and sprinkle over top. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 to 25 minutes, until thoroughly heated. Serves 4.

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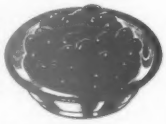

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Help yourself to bread sticks

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beat well. Sift together flour and salt; stir into creamed mixture. Mix to a smooth dough. Force through ¾- to 1-inch-wide saw-tooth flat attachment of cooky press. Press out in 5-inch lengths on ungreased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 12 minutes. Let cool on sheet a few minutes. Remove carefully. Makes about 2½ dozen.

Toasted Coconut Bars

Mix 1 cup shredded coconut and 1 cup Grape-Nuts. Remove crusts from 4 slices day-old bread. Cut bread in 1-inch strips; dip in ⅔ cup sweetened condensed milk till well coated; roll in coconut mixture. Place on greased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 10 minutes. Makes 15.

Crusty Cheese Sticks

Trim crusts from 1 loaf unsliced day-old sandwich bread; cut bread in strips 8 inches long and ½ inch square. Toast in slow oven (300°) till delicately brown. Brush on all sides with melted butter or margarine; sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Return to oven about 5 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 16.

Famous foods

Begins on page 60

The Golden Macaroni Salad is cheese-flavored, offers good hearty eating to quell outdoor appetites. Color accent is a red-tinted Grapefruit-peel Rose. Such pretty trim, and it costs you nothing! See easy directions on next page.

Help yourself to the California salad bowl, chock-full of this sunny state's bounty—artichoke hearts, avocado slices, assorted greens, tomato wedges, black olives.

Note the breadbasket arrangement (right corner of picture, page 60). For center, just shape cheese slices in cornucopias, hold with toothpick at bottom, and fill with sprigs of parsley or water cress.

Oh, boy! Have a slice of that Big Devil's-food Cake—rich, velvety, blanketed with Caramel Meringue Frosting!

Now let's pretend we're spending the holidays at The Ahwahnee.

Tonight, it's time for the famous Bracebridge dinner. Talk about an elaborate feast! It's based on a story from Washington Irving's *Sketch Book*. The great dining room of the hotel becomes Bracebridge Hall, where a modern Squire Bracebridge and family greet their guests. The banquet starts with citrus fruit in orange basket (easy to copy from picture on page 61).

On every table are festive candleholders like the one shown on page 61. Let the youngsters make them for home decorations or gifts. Here's how: Use a 9-inch piepan as base. Saw a 5-inch length of fluted wood curtain pole for central piece; nail to piepan. Next come two small aluminum salad molds. Use nails to secure inverted mold and candle cup atop pole. Now spray or paint candlestick with gold or silver coating. At The Ahwahnee, they use plaster of paris to hold a red candle in top mold. But you could fill mold with sugar to steady the candle. Fill piepan with evergreen, holly, tiny pine cones.

If we were visiting in spring or summer, the meadows would be colorful and scented with wildflowers. And we'd be off on the trail for a "ride breakfast." Chef Pierson says to make the flapjack batter rich, fry the bacon crisp. Here's an idea to borrow for your outdoor cooking equipment: Have Dad weld horseshoes on a heavy griddle to serve as handles for buckaroo cookouts.

Below is the recipe roundup from our cook's tour.

Ahwahnee Tenderloin Tips

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon enriched flour
1 cup beef bouillon
1 bay leaf
3 whole cloves
2 pounds tenderloin tips, cut in thin bias strips
2 tablespoons salad oil
Salt and pepper
1 medium green pepper, cut in thin strips
½ pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup lemon juice
1 4-ounce can pimiento, cut in thin strips

Melt 2 tablespoons butter; blend in flour; gradually stir in bouillon. Add bay leaf and cloves; heat, stirring constantly, to boiling. Simmer 2 minutes; remove spices. Brown meat in hot oil; season with salt and pepper. Add green pepper and cook till tender. Cook mushrooms just till tender in 2 tablespoons butter; add bouillon mixture and lemon juice. Add tenderloin tips. Heat to boiling; season to taste. Decorate with pimiento. Serve hot. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

French-fried Potato Balls

Cut large pared raw potatoes in balls, using ball cutter 1" in diameter. Let balls stand in iced water ½ hour or longer. Drain and dry well with paper towels. Cook one layer at a time, in deep hot fat (370°) about 7 minutes, or till tender. Remove, drain on paper towels; continue until all balls are cooked. Shortly before serving, reheat and brown potatoes quickly in deep hot fat (390°), about 2 to 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt; serve at once.

Golden Macaroni Salad

1 to 1½ teaspoons yellow food coloring
2 cups ditalini*
6 hard-cooked eggs
¾ cup diced green pepper
¼ cup diced pimiento
½ cup diced sharp Cheddar cheese
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
2 teaspoons salt
½ cup finely chopped onion
Mayonnaise to moisten

Add food coloring to boiling salted water; add ditalini and cook till tender. Rinse in cold water; drain. Sieve egg yolks and set aside. Chop egg whites and combine with macaroni and remaining ingredients.

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Grapefruit-peel Rose

This rose is made from the white membrane, not the yellow peel. You'll need a very sharp paring knife.

1 grapefruit
20 drops red food coloring
1 cup water

Pare off as thinly as possible the outside yellow peel of grapefruit, and discard. Holding knife firmly against fruit at slight angle, carefully pare tough, white membrane round and round to form one continuous spiral strip, about ¾ inch wide (do not cut into pulp). Upper edge of strip will be thin (see picture, page 60). Wind entire strip from stem end and shape into a rose. Hold rose together by fastening with toothpick at bottom. Add food coloring to the water in small bowl. Add rose. Let stand for about 1 minute, or until it is the desired color. Arrange rose on parsley as garnish for salad or meat platter.

Big Devil's-food Cake

⅔ cup butter
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
4 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
2½ cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
1¼ cups milk

Cream butter. Add sugar gradually, creaming thoroughly after each addition. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in chocolate. Sift dry ingredients together. Add vanilla to milk. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Pour into 2 paper-lined 9x1½-inch round pans. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans. Cool. Frost with Caramel Meringue Frosting.

Caramel Meringue Frosting

4 egg whites
1 cup brown sugar
Dash salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped California walnuts

Combine egg whites, brown sugar, and salt. Blend well. Cook over boiling water, beating constantly with rotary beater or electric mixer, until stiff peaks form (4 to 6 minutes). Remove from heat; add vanilla and beat until of spreading consistency. Fold in nuts.

Chicken Salad Plate

3 cups coarsely diced cooked chicken
2 cups diced celery
½ cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon seasoned salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Combine chicken and celery. To mayonnaise, add remaining ingredients, and blend. Pour mayonnaise mixture over chicken and let chill 1 hour before serving. Serve in lettuce cups. Garnish with tomato and hard-cooked egg wedges, ripe olives. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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City, he was accused of flooding a restaurant. In Dallas, preachers thundered that he was usurping the Lord's work. In Albuquerque, he was called the great rain robber, a downright cloud napper who doesn't hesitate to steal eastbound clouds for an Arizona client, wring them dry, and forward the empties to New Mexico.

Krick has learned to face such charges stoically. "The weatherman has never had an easy time of it, and I may as well get used to the idea."

Used to weather crises

Krick has been used to weather crises for years. As head of Irving P. Krick Meteorological Consultant, Inc., a private weather bureau that alerts businessmen to impending climate changes, he was once asked by Humphrey Bogart for a forecast. The actor, who had just purchased a yacht, was entered in a race and wanted an advance tip on the wind. Krick promised him a brisk Pacific wind 15 miles from shore. On the day of the race, less-informed skippers clung to the coast line because it was the shortest route. Bogart pushed out to sea.

There wasn't even a light breeze, and by the time Bogart reached the finish line, most of the other yachtsmen were waiting for him. A windy high-pressure area had suddenly veered toward sea. But Krick never got the chance to [*Turn to page 102*

How to make a weather forecast:

1. Observe sky. Choose matching observation.

2. Determine the direction of the wind.

3. Read forecast under appropriate season.

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	clearing and colder
W	clearing and colder
SW	cloudy, then colder
S	increasing clouds and stormy
SE	increasing clouds and stormy
E	increasing clouds and stormy
NE	unsettled
N	clearing and colder

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	fair weather
W	little change
SW	possible showers
S	cloudy, showery, and warmer
SE	showery
E	little change
NE	little change
N	slow improvement

Altocumulus

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	fair weather
W	little change
SW	increasing clouds and warmer
S	increasing clouds and warmer
SE	cloudy, possible storm
E	cloudy, warmer, possible storm
NE	increasing cloudiness
N	little change

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	fair weather
W	fair weather
SW	increasing clouds and warmer
S	increasing clouds and warmer
SE	increasing cloudiness
E	increasing cloudiness
NE	fair weather
N	fair weather

Cirrus

Nimbostratus

Brooks

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	clearing and colder
W	showery, clearing, and colder
SW	slow improvement, then colder
S	stormy, then slow improvement
SE	stormy
E	stormy
NE	stormy
N	slow improvement and colder

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	showery, then clearing
W	showery, then clearing
SW	showery, then clearing
S	slow improvement
SE	stormy, then improving
E	stormy
NE	showery
N	slow improvement

Stratocumulus

Davis

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	slow improvement and colder
W	unsettled
SW	little change, possible showers
S	cloudy and showery
SE	stormy
E	stormy
NE	little change
N	possible showers and colder

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	slow clearing
W	slow improvement
SW	possible showers
S	showery
SE	unsettled and warmer
E	little change
NE	little change
N	slow clearing

Cumulus

Ellerman

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	clearing, colder, often windy
W	clearing and colder
SW	possible showers
S	warmer, possible showers
SE	showery and warmer
E	showery
NE	showery
N	clearing and colder

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	clearing, then cooler
W	showery, then clearing
SW	showery, then clearing
S	showery
SE	possible thundershowers
E	increasing clouds, showery
NE	showery and cool
N	clearing and cooler

Altostratus

Clarke

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	clearing and colder
W	slow clearing, then colder
SW	stormy, then slow improvement
S	increasing clouds and stormy
SE	increasing clouds and stormy
E	cloudy and stormy
NE	unsettled
N	slow improvement and colder

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	clearing, then fair
W	slow improvement
SW	possible showers
S	cloudy, possible showers
SE	showery
E	unsettled
NE	little change
N	slow improvement

Clear

Floreen

Wind	*Winter (Nov. to April)*
NW	fair and cold
W	fair weather
SW	fair weather
S	fair and warmer
SE	increasing cloudiness
E	little change
NE	fair with increasing clouds
N	fair and cold

Wind	*Summer (April to Nov.)*
NW	fair weather
W	fair weather
SW	fair weather
S	increasing cloudiness, warmer
SE	increasing cloudiness
E	increasing cloudiness
NE	fair weather
N	fair weather

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explain. When Bogie saw him again, the actor said, "Look, Doc, I'm in the next race. How about blowing me up a real good wind? And this time just give it to me, see. Nobody else."

Not all of Krick's clients are so loyal. But, after 20 years in as hazardous a business as you'll find, Krick can point out that his dollars-and-cents successes far outnumber the errors. Krick has successfully mapped storm-free air trips for concert singers and lecturers, warned utility companies when to expect spring runoffs, and advised baseball-club managers when to buy rain insurance.

Krick's current clientele includes major oil and pipeline companies, steamship lines, manufacturers of bathing suits, mountaineers, golf clubs, county fairs, and even President Eisenhower, whose outdoor birthday dinner at Hershey, Pennsylvania, was weather-guided by the 85-man Krick organization. All this—and rainmaking too—adds up to a million-dollar-a-year business.

Krick, a former California Institute of Technology professor and a pioneer in industrial meteorology, knows the limitations of his craft.

"We deal every day with a cushion of atmospheric gases 10 miles deep and weighing 400 million billion tons," he says. "The number of fingers we've got in this wind throughout the world add up to only a few thousand. Naturally, something happens, and we make mistakes, but"—and his voice rings with conviction—"on unusual weather, we're right 9 times out of 10." Unusual weather last year accounted for 3,000 deaths and 2 billion dollars in ruined property.

Weather repeats itself

Krick's Denver headquarters, into which 500 weather stations (including one in Siberia) teletype the day-to-day mood of the atmosphere, is a neat two-story brick memory box. Its vital organs are a $2,000,000 file of daily weather charts covering the last 50 years, and a book, known as the Krick bible, wherein are the seven basic types of weather that have tended to repeat themselves.

The businessman who wishes to "order" weather makes an appointment with Krick and Newton Stone, director of operations. Stone in turn calls in Norman MacDonald, head of short-range sections, and Ed Hichens, chief of the long rangers. To these weather storekeepers, the customer addresses his request.

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It was at Cal Tech that Krick first became interested in weather. He had been wondering how to make a career of preatom physics when his brother-in-law, a physicist, suggested the study of the atmosphere in connection with commercial aviation. At Cal Tech, he came under the influence of Beno Gutenberg, weather forecaster for the Germans in World War I and one of the world's great earthquake specialists. He persuaded young Krick to go to Europe and learn more about weather.

Krick did, under a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship arranged by the late Dr. Robert Millikan, then head of Cal Tech. He came back more excited than ever. He had discovered that while American weather science was still hobbling along, the Norwegians under the leadership of Vilhelm and Jakob Bjerknes were making accurate and detailed forecasts on a new system called air-mass analysis.

Massive conflicts

In this view, weather is the result of a perpetual seesaw battle between warm masses of air coming up from the tropics and cold masses drifting down from the North Pole. Along the fronts of these masses, there is active conflict, with many storms.

The weather you experience depends frequently on which flood of air wins the overhead battle. The trick in forecasting is to plot the movements of those waves on a map, and to determine where they will go and what they will do from what they've done before. Krick also learned from Germans that weather is steered by worldwide storms in the upper air and that 10 miles aloft lie clues to weather.

At Cal Tech, and at Western Air Express (now Western Air Lines) where he worked nights, Krick put the theory to work. One day, he announced there was a storm brewing off the New Jersey coast, 3,000 miles away. Nobody paid attention. But there was such a storm; the navy dirigible Akron was destroyed, and 73 men needlessly lost their lives. After that, meteorologists began to pay closer attention to Krick.

96-percent accuracy

What tipped the scales in his favor, however, was a published report that showed that over a long period Krick had been correct in his forecasts 96 percent of the time, while the U. S. Weather Bureau could do no better than 65 percent. The public chuckled, and a week later President Roosevelt had the Weather Bureau investigated. Doc-

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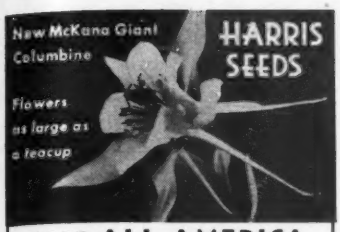

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tor Millikan headed the investigating committee and chose Krick as his adviser. As a result of the furor, the bureau changed its method of forecasting, and old-timers were given a course in air-mass analysis—the method used today for most short-range forecasting by meteorologists.

In 1936, Krick again tilted isobars with the U. S. Weather Bureau when he predicted an unseasonable cold spell for southern California the following January. The official weather dogs didn't agree. But that winter, California suffered its worst frost in 20 years.

By 1940, Krick had weather-guided the shooting of some 6,000 motion pictures, representing an investment of $18,000,000. His customer list had expanded to include citrus growers, football coaches, and even politicians who wanted to know whether it would rain on election day. Despite the Weather Bureau sniping at his bootlegging their data for money, Krick's stock with Cal Tech was so high he had been made head of the institute's Department of Meteorology and was generally credited with having placed industrial meteorology on a sound footing.

Air Force project

The Air Force wanted to know whether long-range forecasting was really possible, and they soon began what became a $2,000,000 project in which Krick and his associates charted the weather for the last 50 years, even poking into the logs of whaling ships for information unavailable in government records. Krick emerged from this project with the history of world weather neatly cataloged on colored charts and a firm belief in the idea that among them were virtually all the sequences of weather that would duplicate themselves in the future—the theory that now underlies his forecasting business.

During World War II, Krick was called to the Pentagon by the late General H. H. (Hap) Arnold and was assigned ultimately to serve on the Air Force's famed weather team under General Carl A. Spaatz. Using the new method, he predicted the days when German target cities would be cloud-free, thus greatly increasing the number of American long-range bombing missions. He and his associates were also responsible for selecting the day General Eisenhower launched the Normandy invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the crossing of the Rhine.

Krick left Europe a lieutenant colonel, with half a dozen decorations, a British fiancee, Marie Speer, whom he married in Las Vegas, and a desire to utilize for peacetime benefit the methods of long-range forecasting he had found so effective in the war.

But at Cal Tech, the situation had changed. The new president didn't agree to a university-sponsored commercial enterprise, so in 1948, Krick resigned. On a borrowed $5,000, he took with him the entire five-man staff of the Department of Meteorology, which became the nucleus of his private weather enterprise in Pasadena.

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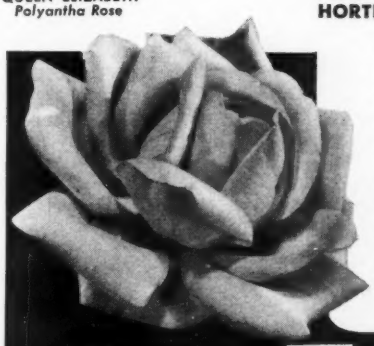

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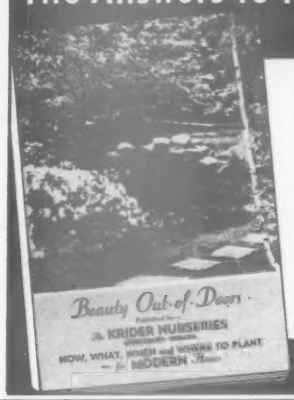

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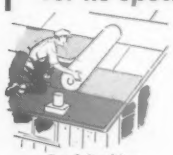
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State legislators grew alarmed and passed laws to curb free-lance rainmaking. Lawyers discovered that every landholder owns the sky over his land, but discussion arose as to whether Congress could appropriate the clouds at high altitudes or whether they rightfully belong to the states. An antirainmaking organization was formed in Washington, and there was talk of a federal dictator of the weather. A five-man federal committee was finally set up, and things quieted down temporarily.

Meanwhile, Krick was completing his own experiments in Arizona. After two years, he announced that he had tricked the rain into increasing the level of Roosevelt Reservoir at a saving to farmers of $200,000. He also discovered that ground generators—small, high-temperature furnaces that burn coke impregnated with silver iodide—were more economical and effective than sending planes into thunderstorms. In 1950, fully convinced of the commercial feasibility of modern weather modification, he moved to Denver, the geographical center of the great dry belt.

Some fascinating results have emerged. In the Horse Heaven Hills of Washington, Krick reports, wheat growers have multiplied their crop yield several times since cloud-seeding began, and recently renewed their contract for the fourth straight year. In Madrid, Spain, and in Dallas, Texas, water engineers say Krick is responsible for boosting the level of the local reservoirs.

On the debit side, however, is the withdrawal of disappointed farmers from many of the early projects, many reneging contracts which caused Krick losses estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. "Rainmaking boomed too fast," explains Krick, "and farmers expected too much. Some of them actually thought we could grind rain clouds out of our machines. We can't; we can only increase the rain under favorable conditions."

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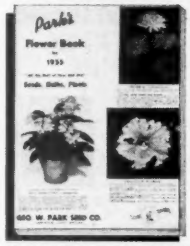

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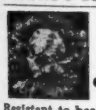

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Today, electronic devices are used to track rain-producing clouds and to check closely on just what happens when the rainmaker punches a hole in them. Tomorrow, says Krick, there will be radio-controlled generators spotted at strategic points over America's dust bowls ready at the press of a button to deploy rain where it is needed most.

When that day arrives, one thing is sure. Nobody will say nasty things about the weatherman.

A good first impression?

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☐ **Comfort:** In a hall? Sure. Did you ever lose your balance trying to put on galoshes while standing up one-legged? A chair or bench to sit on is a must if you have the space to spare. A big mirror, on the wall or inside the closet door, lets you make that important last-minute check before you step out.

☐ **Light:** Day and night, a dark entryway is unfriendly, dangerous, and inconvenient. Encourage all the daylight by keeping window treatments simple. Hall night lighting doesn't always have to be a ceiling light, either. If there's a table in the hall area, add a lamp. Or consider the many pin-ups available today.

☐ **Draft stopper:** When a gust of wind manages to slip in the front door, is there something to intercept it before it gets to the living room? Here again, a built-in or a piece of furniture can do the job. Remember, too, that in summer those breezes may be needed for cross ventilation. For a situation like this, louvered doors are often a good answer to both problems.

☐ **Personality:** Here's where color schemes and decorative treatments enter. Even if you move just one piece of furniture to give the illusion of a hall, let imagination and personal likes help you decorate.

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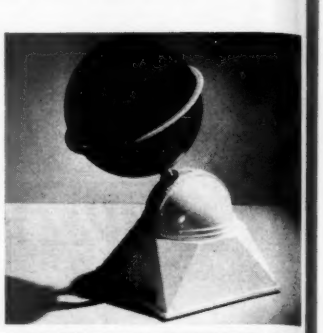

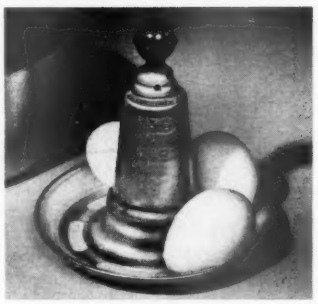

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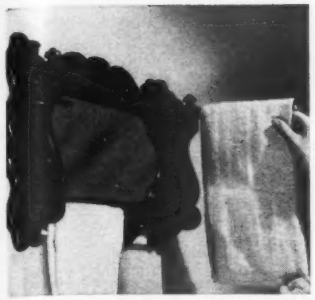

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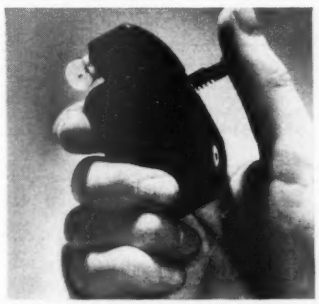

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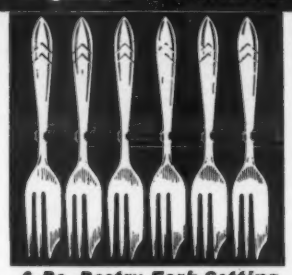

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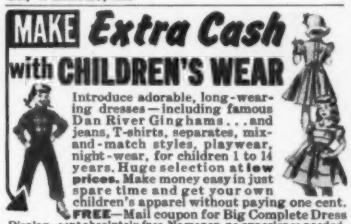

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"The best thing about our wonderful country," suggests neighbor Ned Preston, "is that it offers you a chance to make it better."

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Among the maddening news items that caught my eye last year was a short one saying that Ben Hogan, after being busted up in a car wreck, had come back and shot a record golf score of 61. The maddening part is that I have a perfect physique, a strong determination—and a record score of 101.

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Judith Adele Hillis, our 10-year-old, overheard her 12-year-old brother bragging about how hard she could hit him with her fists. And you know something? She hasn't hit him since. The compliment took away all the desire to hit. But woe to the outsider who ever attacks either of them now!

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My grown young nephew has already flown at twice the speed of sound and published an essay entitled *The Piston Engine Is Obsolete.* I stare at my 12-year-old Burton, Jr., awed and apprehensive at what *he'll* probably be doing a scant 12 years from now.

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Mothers are mighty strange. Sixty of them in our church made or bought beautiful new dresses for their little girls to wear at Christmas service, then covered them completely with long, red choir robes.

Christmas cards are much too pretty to throw away, so Grandmother Hillis collects them on our street and takes them to a home for crippled children. Anybody could do that. You'd be astonished at what pretty things those kids can make of the cards with scissors and paste—and at the pleasure this brings to all concerned.

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It irks me that people who arrive at parties late always seem so much jollier than we who were courteous enough to arrive on time and wait for them.

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Obviously I'm very farsighted. Last August, the snows of winter seemed to hold all that pristine, poetic beauty we've read about. Now, the August green grass looms in memory as something even nicer. For one thing, grass seldom stacks up on sidewalks and driveway.

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I don't have much chance of becoming cynical. Whenever I lean that way, my mother or my children's mother backs me into a corner and gives me a thorough brain washing.

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"Pleasant memories," says Bud Hannelly, the distinguished attorney in New York, "are assured only if we arrange for them well in advance."

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"It's always dangerous to judge others," warns Grandmother Hillis. "Doing so can reveal some mighty uncomplimentary facts about yourself."

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"Golly!" exclaimed my 12-year-old Junior, shopping with me in the big end-of-December sales. "Just think how much everybody would save if Christmas came a week later!"

A family's misunderstandings and coolnesses can arise from the most innocent remarks. My wife reported that our 16-year-old Rosie had arranged a little piece for the piano, and all I said was, "Good, it's about time we had a little peace around here."

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"You want to attain great heights, my young man?" Grandfather Hillis coached Junior last night. "Then keep on the level."

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I always admire any neighbor who, agreeing with me, comes forward in forthright manner and says what he thinks.

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Because she had made good grades, Tom Harty gave his college daughter, Honey Lou, a red convertible for Christmas, but with this significant proviso: "It's yours, sweetheart, so long as I see it parked in front of church every Sunday morning."

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